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'SOCIAL WORKERS DID NOT TELL POLICE ABOUT ABUSE'

Vale Council apologises after 'inexcusable failings'

Report by JAYNE ISAAC

'A BLEAK day for the Vale'. That was how Vale Council leader Gordon Kemp described the publication of an inquiry into how a 19-year old man with a history of sexual problems was given an adult placement by Vale social workers with a family that included two young children – a three-year-old boy and a nine-year old girl.

He sexually abused both and has since been jailed for an indeterminate period, with a tariff of at least six years.

The parents of the children were never warned of the teenager's sexual background and it emerged during the inquiry that this information was also never passed onto some of the social workers responsible for placing him with a family.

Now, the Vale Council has given an unreserved apology to the family and to the community – and has instituted a huge shake-up in its procedures to ensure that such failings never happen again.

Three members of the 'Leaving Care' team at the council have been suspended, and now face further disciplinary action following the publication of the inquiry report.

The report concluded that social workers were too concerned with looking after the interests of the 19-year- old, whom they regarded as a victim.

They did not properly assess the risk he posed to the two young children.

The inquiry has drawn up 12 recommendations to prevent such a case arising again, and they have been included in an action plan.

Coun Kemp said that it was a bad day for the council and it reflected a tragic situation especially for those children and their parents.

The complaint against the man was made by the children to their parents on December 30 last year. He was immediately removed by social workers but they failed to follow procedures laid down under child protection rules and did not notify the police of the alleged abuse.

Instead, it was the parents who did this three days later. The man was then arrested and subsequently prosecuted.

Coun Kemp stated that he first become aware of the case at the beginning of January and fully backed social services director Philip Evans in his decision to carry out a thorough investigation, with assistance from the NSPCC.

The Vale Council press conference was given details of the background to the case and of the action plan drawn up by the council to tackle failings and ensure that such a case did not arise in future.

Coun Kemp said: "The report that we have today highlights failings made in the social services department, particularly by individuals in that department, which led to this situation arising."

Speaking to The GEM after the press conference, Coun Kemp gave an assurance as council leader that his role, and those of all the elected members, would be to ensure that the action plan would be fully implemented.

He said that there would be monitoring of the process by the cabinet, by council scrutiny committees and by backbench councillors to make sure that the recommendations made in the report were acted upon.

"We will be kept fully informed of progress," he added.

Asked about the funding of the social services department, Coun Kemp said that the authority was spending more than it was required to spend under Assembly funding rules on social services.

"But it's how we spend this money that's important," he said. "It must be targeted properly and we must have the right staff in place."

Coun Kemp was asked if there was a culture in the social services department of failing to follow proper procedures and of cutting corners. He replied that the investigation had not produced any evidence of this.

"But the cause of this problem was staff not following procedures and we will ensure that there are checks in place to monitor how staff carry out their duties and to make sure that the rules are followed.

"We must guard against any relaxation in the rules at any time. We need proper safeguards in place to ensure that procedures are followed."

He said that all the other adult placements made by the authority had been checked since this case came to light and all were found to be in order.

Chief executive John Maitland Evans described the situation as tragic and he said he was very sorry.

He pointed out that the council had not sought to make any excuses or cover anything up.

"This is a very bad report – the worst report I have ever seen in my time with the council. But the report provides us with a basis for action and some of this has already begun.

"The failings of a small number of staff make grim reading. There was failure to assess risk, there was bad professional judgement and a failure to follow the All Wales Child Protection procedures.

"This sort of practice is unacceptable and it must never be repeated."

He said that the 12 recommendations in the report provided the basis for the change that was needed.

"I am angry that we made mistakes and I am determined to ensure that they are not repeated."

Social services director Philip Evans said that anyone reading the report would be distressed by what happened to the two children, and would also be shocked and angry at the serious mistakes that were made.

"They will be concerned to ensure that other children do not suffer in the same way. People in the council feel exactly the same. We have to accept responsibility for the harm caused.

"This means facing up to the criticisms made in this report. We must regain and restore public trust in our social services."

Mr Evans stated that urgent action had been taken to set up the inquiry to find out what went wrong, who should accept responsibility and how the council could ensure such things do not happen again.

"Serious mistakes were made and we are not offering any excuses. We accept entirely the findings of the report. It is especially sad that we let down a family who welcomed this young man into their home.

"We need to give urgent reassurance to people who provide adult placements for us that all the current placements we have are safe.

"There must be no question of our absolute commitment to protect children in these homes and that means sharing all relevant information with those families."

Mr Evans said that the responsibility for placing the young man with this family was shared between a number of staff, but it was the work of the Leaving Care team that had the most adverse impact.

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Independents take on political 'big boys'

A BARRY Independent Party is to be formed in a bid to break the stranglehold the major parties exercise in representing the town on the Vale Council.

Bryn Evans (69), a resident of the town who served in the Army for 22 years, told The GEM: "We have had a meeting of seven people to form a basic committee of a new Barry Independent Party.

"There are a lot of people in the town who are disgruntled because their views are not being properly represented."

Mr Evans, who campaigned against a housing development at Cemetery Approach, said there were a number of issues on which councillors had failed the people of the town.

He claimed that too often they put party loyalty ahead of Barry's wider interests.

"North and east of the cemetery, the Vale Council could change White Farm land into residential housing – what if the cemetery has to be expanded in the future?

"The council wanted housing at Cemetery Approach although people were opposed to it.

"We're the biggest town in Wales and don't have an outdoor swimming pool any more, and have lost our cinema too.

"The Island has been run down over the years.

"Wherever there is green land in Barry they want to sell it off – I don't trust the current councillors – the Vale Council is a dictatorship and does not reflect the democratic will of people in the town.

"Our aim is to stand in the Barry wards for the Vale Council."

Mr Evans said the new committee would soon be meeting Llantwit First Independents to find out how they had achieved electoral success. Currently three of the four councillors in Llantwit Major are from the independent grouping.

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'Can you help me trace family tree?'

I WAS wondering if any of your readers could help me with my family tree research?

My great grandmother, Margret Lavinia Thomas, was born in Llanblethian in 1884 and it seems as if she was part of a large family group, but I have little information on their descendants. She left Llanblethian for work in London where she married my great grandfather Herbert Wadlow in 1906.

She had five children, the youngest a daughter who died aged two. She, unfortunately, died the same year, 1918, and with her husband away in the army, her four sons were all put into care.

According to the 1891 census, she had the following relatives living and working in Llanblethian – Thomas Thomas (b 1850), her father, a dairy farmer of New House, Broadway; Isaac Thomas (b 1860), uncle, carpenter, New House, Broadway; Hopkin Thomas (b 1862), uncle, saddler, East Village, Cowbridge; John Thomas (b 1864), uncle, baker and flour dealer, Llanblethian.

Any help your readers can give me on this family would be very welcome.

Mike Wadlow,
Orpington, Kent

FOOTNOTE: Contact the writer through The GEM at the address on this page.

Beware jumping to conclusions!

CAN I, through your newspaper, reply to a member of the public who had left a note on my car windscreen, today (11.30am, May 12), while I was parked in the car park behind Somerfield in Llantwit Major.

On my return to my car, I found a note tucked under my windscreen wipers, which read something along the lines of "what an awful bit of parking (as I had taken up two spaces), it's selfish and inconsiderate".

I suffer from arthritis of the knees and hip, making entering/exiting from my car without being able to open the door fully very difficult and painful, hence the need to use more space than normal.

I am not registered as disabled, therefore I am unable to use 'disabled' parking areas – even if there were one, which I am unaware of in this particular car park.

Those who are inconsiderate and selfish are those drivers who park too close to the next vehicle, preventing any normal person gaining access to their car with ease.

Therefore, I would suggest to the individual who left the note for me, take a little time in future before jumping to conclusions about any given situation involving those less fortunate than themselves.

(Name and address supplied)

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'Bold decisions' can turn into a white elephant and embarrassment

THE letter about a link road by Mr Paul Robertson of Barry in The GEM on May 7, suggesting that I am of the opinion that everything is hunky dory, and things should stay the same, is totally inaccurate.

However, the statement that the statistical argument put forward by Mr John Smith is flawed, I think has been proved.

Mr Smith's 20-year campaign for a road linking Barry with the M4, started many years before the defence academy became an issue, and to suggest that I think the fiasco of Culverhouse Cross is "hunky dory" and the situation should remain the same is incorrect.

Anyone having examined the 2008 Public Consultation Document prepared by the Assembly via their consultants ARUP, will know that the link road running from Junction 33 is to be constructed into a motorway, with a flyover being created near Culverhouse Cross – thus taking away much of the congestion of traffic travelling to Barry via Wenvoe.

I wholeheartly agree with Mr Robertson that the Five Mile Lane, which he describes as a death trap, should be reconstructed and made a safe and fit road.

The cost would be vastly lower than the suggested £80 to £135 million for any of the proposed corridors.

Metrix, the consultants for the defence academy, and Cardiff Airport agree that the construction of a road for their use is not required.

People who sometimes make the so-called "bold decisions" that Mr Robertson speaks of can be embarrassed when they spend millions of public money on building a hangar at St Athan which then turns into a white elephant.

FMD Knill,
Pendoylan

Llantwit Major is no 'Bear Pit'

I WISH to respond to Spencer Locker's letter in The GEM on April 30.

Llantwit Major is a fine old town which has stood the test of time very well and how dare you call it a 'Bear Pit'?

From 1939 to 1945/46 at RAF St Athan and RAF Llandow, there were tens of thousands of military personnel from all our services, plus many more mixed services from around the world.

Yes, there has always been a small amount of friction between the local lads and servicemen and always will be.

However, I strongly object to your description of the 'residents of West Camp' as you like to call them. To me, they are very brave young men and women who have my utmost respect and I would remind you that a lot of them have families here who use our shops; their children go to the local schools and they fit in very well and are most welcome to do so.

How would you like your loved ones to be likened to a 'fouling, dangerous dog and should be muzzled'.

In my opinion, your comments are disgraceful. There are good and bad wherever you go, so don't put all the blame at West Camp's door, as there are a number of youngsters coming in most weekends by train, intent on causing trouble. You didn't mention them!

Mrs Mary Austin,
Llantwit Major

Don't characterise military trainees as 'steely-eyed killers'

In reply to FMD Knill's letter (The GEM, May 7), I would like to wholeheartedly agree that John Smith's parliamentary voting record is appalling – with the Government in almost every case, no matter his constituents' interests.

However, I think his work to bring the defence academy here has been commendable.

I must take issue with the Mr Knill's assertion that military training is all about killing other humans; it most certainly is not.

Admittedly, they are trained on equipment that might be used in defence of the UK's interests, but as a former trainer at St Athan, I never considered killing others to be an art as he asserted.

Whatever your view of the armed forces, let's not sidestep the fact that military training is necessary and if it has to be conducted somewhere - why not here?

You have to admit the Vale jobs market is in need of a little stimulus.

To address another point – let's not go on about Llantwit Major being a 'garrison town'.

Don't forget, the trainees who will come to St Athan are not steely-eyed killers, but youngsters, many of them not long out of school, who are trying to make their way in the world.

They will be reasonably intelligent and keen to follow the disciplined nature of their chosen trade on systems more complex than some of us can imagine – if not, they won't be around for long.

I simply cannot see that there will be packs of square-jawed bruisers roaming Llantwit looking for trouble, and if a fracas does break out, then the military police won't be too afraid to pick up any of this lot, I'm sure.

G Thomas,
Llantwit Major

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'The failure of staff to act is almost beyond understanding'

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

"We have changed all the managers in this service," he said. "Although the inquiry found evidence of some high standards of work, it is right to focus on what went wrong here.

"I am especially concerned about the assessment of risk – they were naïve and did not take account of the full case history."

He stated that after the allegations of abuse were made by the parents, social workers did not follow child protection procedures and call in the police. Instead, the parents did that themselves.

"The failure of staff to act is almost beyond understanding," he went on. "There were many safeguards in place to prevent this but the conduct of some staff and managers fell seriously below standard. These are experienced, qualified staff who have worked in the Vale for some time."

Mr Evans promised that further disciplinary action against those suspended would follow quickly.

He said that shortcomings identified in the report would be rectified by the action plan, including issues to do with training and supervision.

"Some staff must acquire a better understanding of risk and they must place proper emphasis on the risk posed by service users to others. We are getting on with these changes and we want them all in place within months."

He said that he was brought into the Vale last year to address problems in social services and this case had shown how deep some problems were.

"There's a long way to go, but I can assure people in the Vale and elsewhere that the action plan will be delivered and delivered on time. We can, we must and we will do better.

"Sadly, these changes have come too late for this family. We acknowledge that staff made serious errors of judgement and we accept responsibility for those decisions and for the harm they have caused."

Coun Dorothy Turner, cabinet member for social and care services, said she was the link between residents and the department. She added her apologies and said that people must be shown that the authority was trustworthy.

There was fierce questioning of the panel at the press conference with most questions directed at Philip Evans, including a call for him to consider his position.

He said that it was right for him to do that as the serious errors were made by staff in his directorate.

"We have an action plan that must be delivered and I am committed to that and it is important to see it through. It is not a time to walk away from these problems. Resignation is an easy thing to do but it would not be responsible. It's important to stay and see through this programme."

Confidence in Mr Evans was expressed by Coun Gordon Kemp, who said he was the best person to see the changes through.

"He has been in the post since the beginning of 2008 and my view is that he has done well. I am pleased with his work and confident that he will see this action plan through to a successful conclusion."

Vale AM Jane Hutt said that she would be meeting with Gwenda Thomas AM, the Assembly Deputy Minister for Social Services, to "discuss the actions she is taking to hold the Vale Council to account".

Jane Hutt added: "As the Children's Commissioner has said, this was 'an inexcusable series of events' which resulted in a serious failure to protect the children who have been affected so adversely by these events."

Vale councillors cut their expenses!

COULD it be that Vale councillors anticipated the furore over MPs' expenses?

Whatever the reason, they have cut the amount that they claim for travel or for representing the council at conferences by almost one third.

However, before Vale council tax-payers get too excited, it is best to point out that the cut is from £16,165.89 to £10,989.36 this year (the period from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009).

Councillors have been remunerated in total to the tune of £910,921.93, and the bulk of this is made up of the allowances they receive for being a councillor (up from £12,717.00 to £13,030.00).

Councillors with special responsibility get extra, with the Leader, Coun Gordon Kemp receiving an extra £30,732.17. However, this sum does not represent his full year's entitlement (£33,987.26), because he was not leader for the entire 12-month period.

Cabinet members and committee chairs receive smaller amounts. For instance, a cabinet member received £14,880.83 over the 12-month period.

A full list of the Vale councillors' allowances is published on page 7.

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'WE SOON GOT USED TO IT' – THE REMARKABLE BARRY WOMEN IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Dr Jonathan Hicks looks at the role played by the women of Barry during the Second World War

WHILE it was Barry men who shouldered the burden of the fighting against the Axis forces during World War Two, it is important to recognise the important role that the women of Barry played in a whole variety of fields.

Joan Andrews.

They not only endured the air raids and the bombs that fell from German aircraft, they ran the home and organised the family while their husbands were serving in the forces – the Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, and in the Merchant Navy.

They coped with keeping the household going on a tight budget, rationing and the constant fear of losing their loved ones to enemy action.

Hope Jones of Westward Rise in Barry, was in London when the air-raid siren sounded. She was in the vicinity of a shelter in which many people were trapped when it received a direct hit.

With bombs still falling around her, she began to clear away the debris with her hands until the arrival of the rescue squad. She also helped to extinguish incendiary bombs which fell in the garden near her home.

Sister Elsie Stevens of Porthkerry Road, Barry, was awarded the George Medal in 1941 for her bravery in rescuing a number of people who were trapped and buried by debris during an air raid on Bristol.

A message had come to Bristol Maternity Hospital, requesting assistance for a woman trapped under debris and whom it was believed was about to give birth to a baby.

Elsie made the journey through a very dangerous area to find seven people trapped in a house and conditions so dangerous that it was impossible to continue rescue operations.

Undaunted, Elsie was lowered into a narrow opening and had to lie flat to reach one of the casualties. After releasing three of them, she returned to the cellar where her patient was lying entirely covered by debris. Both of them were now in considerable danger as the whole building was liable to collapse. Despite this and in an atmosphere made poisonous by the escape of gas, she carried on and after some hours the woman was released.

Audrey Andreasson spent part of the war sailing around Britain's coastline in a coal-carrying Swedish coaster.

Constantly at risk from German U-boats, she nevertheless was happy to exchange her post as a clerk in an ordnance factory pay office for a job as a stewardess to a merchant crew.

As **Audrey James** of Kingsland Crescent, Barry Dock, she had met Kurt Andreasson, a Swedish steward, marrying him in June 1943. The next time that Kurt signed on as a steward, Audrey signed on as a stewardess on the same ship!

Audrey Andreasson.

She said at the time: "I had no idea what it was going to be like. My first trip was pretty rough, but I soon got used to it and now I 'mother' the ship's officers. It isn't hard work. I serve their meals while my husband attends to the business side of things, buying the stores and so on.

"I love the life and the last thing I want to do is change back into a shore job. I would advise any girl to take up a sea life."

Eileen Rance, who lived at 21 Bedlington Terrace in Barry, was a member of a mixed anti-aircraft battery which shot down two German bombers in 1942.

She had been a shop assistant in Rhoose after leaving High Street School before she joined the ATS early in 1941. Her brother was killed at the Battle of Java while serving aboard *HMS Exeter*.

Mollie Giles was the first British woman to arrive in France after D Day in June 1944. She was serving with the Princess Mary's RAF Nursing Service. Mollie had lived at Aberthaw House, Porthkerry Road in Barry, and she was unaware she was going to Normandy until after the boat on which she was sailing had left port.

Mollie recounted her entry into France: "We landed at 11pm at night with a corporal as escort. He had a gun but we didn't know where we were. There were plenty of explosions all around, so we decided we had better get away so we decided to walk. Soon we lost our way.

Mollie Giles.

"When we got tired we took a rest by sitting on what was left of Hitler's West Wall. An RAF officer took pity on us and gave us a lift in his jeep, but the jeep got stuck and although we tried we were unable to push it out.

"We sought cover beside some lorries but a driver came out and told us to get away as the lorries were full of ammunition!

"Our first post was only four miles from the front line and we had some shelling but we soon got used to it."

She worked for two weeks in a mobile field hospital and then decided, with a fellow nurse, to visit Bayeux on their day off.

Apparently, they needed RAF bodyguards to protect them from the enthusiastic greetings of British soldiers and told a reporter they felt no worse for wear having slept for 14 nights in a slit trench close to the enemy lines!

Mollie Giles was later awarded the MBE for her wartime nursing services.

One of the women pictured here is **Dorothy Gardner**, who served with the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

In early 1945, she was in Belgium operating an anti-aircraft gun.

Dorothy Gardner.

Known as 'Dinkie', she was born in Cadoxton and attended Cadoxton School. She worked as a housekeeper in London from 1938-1941 and was present during the Blitz.

In 1941, she volunteered for the ATS and after a period of training she served all along the east coast of England in anti-aircraft batteries, her job being radio location. She then volunteered for service abroad.

Audrey Murrell.

Audrey Murrell and **Joan Andrews** also served in the ATS. Their duties could range from driving military vehicles to welding, electrical work, equipment repairing and ammunition repairing.

Joan was 'Mentioned in Dispatches' for her work in helping other ATS women out of a burning building while bombs fell all around.

Irene Drury of Gladstone Road, Barry, served with the Entertainments National Service Association for six months, entertaining the soldiers of the Eighth Army in Italy in the ice and snow of the winter of 1944, playing her guitar and piano accordion, often only a few miles behind the front line.

Irene Drury.

The concert party was playing to the troops on one occasion when the Germans strafed them and dropped incendiary bombs.

Later in the tour, they were snowbound in the mountains, surviving on tins of Irish stew and corned beef.

In order to obtain firewood and eggs, Irene bartered cigarettes with the locals. At last they were able to drive slowly through the dangerous mountain pass, their luggage piled high beside them on the three-ton lorry in which they travelled during the entire six months.

Vibe pioneering project praised by AM

LEFT: Jane Hutt AM with Graham Gwilym.

'VIBE CREATIVE', a pioneering project supporting and engaging with young people in the Vale, is based at Area 41, in Holton Road, Barry.

Its latest venture has been backed by South Wales Police with Home Office funding, developing a DVD 'At Life Point' drama on the dangers of knife crime.

Launched earlier this year, Vibe Creative is now reaching out to young people across south Wales and engaging with all those agencies which have an impact on young people's lives at school and in the community.

At a recent event in the National Assembly, Jane Hutt AM congratulated Vibe Creative on further recognition at the Vale of Glamorgan Awards on May 7 at the Memorial Hall.

Ms Hutt said: "Vibe Creative has the backing of South Wales Police and Joe Calzaghe, who attended the launch of 'At Life Point' earlier this year. Young people acted in this moving drama, filmed in Barry, and this forms part of a resource pack for schools and youth clubs.

"At the Vale Youth Awards, local 'stars' of the project, Kyle, Gezza and Kat performed their hard hitting 'rap' and songs as part of the evening's events.

"As local AM and Education Minister, I congratulated the Vibe team on their excellent work putting their creativity and commitment on the map for young people in Wales," she reported.

Also at the Vale of Glamorgan Awards, Mr Graham Gwilym was recognised for his long service to young people at the Barry Island Youth Club in the community centre.

JOIN CINEMA RESCUE

PLAID Cymru candidate for the Vale of Glamorgan, Dr Ian Johnson, is supporting calls to maintain Barry's former cinema, the Theatre Royal, which is under threat of being turned into housing.

Dr Johnson said: "I join the Save Our Cinema Association in calling on the owner of the Theatre Royal to allow the people of Barry to restore the building to its former glory and provide a new heart for the town's culture."

Penmark's open gardens

AFTER the great success of last year (despite the weather) Penmark village will again be opening gardens for the National Garden Scheme on June 20, from 11am-5pm.

The six gardens are on a mile circular walk around the village, with homemade teas available on the route. Crafts will be on show in the village hall and there will be transport available.

Barry's got talent!

YOU are invited to 'One Night Only' on Friday, May 29, an evening of top talent and entertainment for the whole family.

Charlie Green, the 2008 semi-finalist on ITV's *Britain's Got Talent*, who is just back from a singing tour of the USA, is heading the line-up.

Also taking part are Susannah Delaney, pupils from Oakfield Primary School and the Pukka Potentials.

'One Night Only' starts at 7:30pm and will take place at Coastlands Family Church, Tennyson Road, Barry.

Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children/OAPs, and all the proceeds will go to support three important groups working in Barry: Gibbonsdown Salvation Army, Oakfield Primary School and Pukka Productions.

Charlie Green will also be singing at, and helping to judge, the 'Gibby and Court's Got Talent' event in Pencoedtre Park, Gibbonsdown, at 2pm on the same day.

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Veteran's badge for ex-RAF man

VALE MP, John Smith, is pictured presenting Terence Incledon of Phyllis Street, Barry, with a UK Armed Forces badge in recognition of service in the RAF.

Mr Smith commented: "As a former RAF serviceman, I was delighted to be able to help Mr Incledon get his much deserved badge."

Launch of The Rhoose and District History Society

I was aware that Rhoose lacks its own history society, especially as so many other towns and large villages in the Vale already have them.

There is growing interest in family history, as well as a growing interest in learning more about the past of the places in which people live.

After discussing it with other people who share an interest in local history, it was apparent that there would be strong support for the creation of a Rhoose and District History Society.

After some tentative informal meetings, it was agreed to form the society and the founding officers were agreed: *President: Sir Brooke Boothby; secretary: Mrs Brenda Roe; treasurer: Mr Richard Baker; with me as chairman.*

Our first major project will be to conduct a survey of records including photographs, old deeds, postcards and other documentary matter of relevance, and to copy them onto a database using a computer scanner.

This database will act as a resource for people wishing to research their family or if they are just interested in the Rhoose and District area.

We have already opened a bank account in anticipation of income from membership and from grants we intend to apply for. We also have a constitution that was agreed after researching other local history society's constitutions.

To launch the society, we have invited Dr Jonathan Hicks to speak to us on Friday, May 22 at 7.30pm in the Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose.

Dr Hicks' talk will be about Barry and the First World War and I am sure it will be a most interesting insight into that momentous period of Barry's history.

All are welcome and I hope people will take the opportunity to fill in membership forms and pay the modest subscription of £1 per member.

A good attendance will mark the beginning of the Rhoose and District History Society becoming an important part of the life of the Rhoose ward.

Coun. Jeff James

Rhoose Point in big clean-up following residents' complaints

FOLLOWING local residents' concerns, volunteers from the Vale Youth Offending Service, working with Keep Wales Tidy and led by the Vale Council, took part in a comprehensive clean-up initiative at Rhoose Point last week.

ABOVE: Left to right: Couns Jeffrey James, and Gordon Kemp, Youth Offending team supervisor Mark Robertson and Keep Wales Tidy representative for the Vale, Ian Harvey.

Council leader Coun Gordon Kemp, and Coun Jeffrey James, both ward members for Rhoose, watched the work taking place and praised those involved.

Coun Kemp said: "We were delighted to support the campaign and witness what was achieved, particularly by the Youth Offending Service, members of which ably cleared litter from the area.

"The Vale is a wonderful place in which to live. It is therefore important that everyone respects our environment and keeps it clean.

"Whether this is by not littering or fly-tipping, bagging and binning mess after pet dogs, or stamping out graffiti, members of the public should respect all areas of the Vale," he stressed.

Coun James added: "Following consideration by cabinet, land transfers, drainage and highway adoption on the Rhoose Point development are currently being progressed. This will bring the nature reserve and lagoon area into the council's ownership, ensuring areas are better managed in the future.

"Meanwhile, until the land transfers take place, clean up campaigns by volunteer groups will continue as required."

Senior enforcement officer, Denny White, commented: "If offenders are caught they will be issued with an on-the-spot £75 fixed penalty notice. There really is no excuse for not taking home items to be recycled or putting them in a nearby bin."

Dogs take centre stage at Victoria Park show!

ABOVE: Denny White, Vale Council senior enforcement officer, with Scoop the dog and some friends at the Victoria Park charity dog show.

A SPECIAL dog show at Victoria Park, Cadoxton, left plenty of tails wagging after it raised more than £1,200 for charity.

The event, organised by the Victoria Park dog walking group, included categories such as most handsome dog, waggiest tail and best neck wear, and attracted around 200 dogs along with their proud owners.

The day also boasted a great line-up of family entertainment including a bouncy castle, face-painting, raffles and dog portraits.

All in all, a massive £1,200 was raised, which will be donated to the PSDA and Dogs Trust.

'Scoop', the Vale of Glamorgan's doggy mascot, was also on hand to meet members of the public and gently remind them of the importance of cleaning up after pets.

Cabinet member for visible and building services, Coun Geoff Cox, said: "The fun event in beautiful surroundings offered the perfect opportunity to reach local dog owners. It is vital residents and visitors to the Vale respect the environmental impact and are aware of health implications that mess left causes."

The Dogs Act 1996 states that if your dog fouls in a public place you must clean up the mess – being unaware of the mess or not having the tools to clean it up is no defence.

Denny White, who heads up Vale Council's enforcement team, added: "Dog owners across the Vale should always remember to have bags at hand to clean up as they go, failure to do so could result in an on the spot £75 fixed penalty notice being issued."

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Midnight walk proves a hit for Ty Hafan

GIRLS and ladies, aged 13 to 73, took to the streets of Cardiff for the first-ever Midnight Sleep Walk for Ty Hafan, the family hospice for young lives.

Many were accompanied by their favourite teddy and some even by their dogs.

By walking the eight-mile route through Cardiff City centre, the ladies were showing their support by giving up a night's sleep to raise funds so Ty Hafan mums can occasionally get a well-earned rest.

Colleagues from Cardiff Airport were among the 500 participants dressed in pyjamas and flashing bunny ears who enjoyed the party atmosphere as they left the Millennium Stadium just after midnight.

Cassie Munton, Cardiff Airport's marketing and PR manager commented: "The 13 members of the airport team had a great night and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

"Although there were sore feet and aching legs at the end it, was worth it to help raise both money and awareness of such a worthwhile cause."

The target of 500 registrations was achieved well before the day, proving how popular charity walks have become.

"We have been delighted with the response, especially as it is the first time Ty Hafan has staged something like this," commented Craig Ananin, events manager.

ABOVE: Alison Doble from Barry waiting for the 'off' in the stadium. BELOW: Cardiff airport team.

TOSS IS CRUCIAL AS STAGS STRUGGLE AGAINST PORTH

IAN GADD took his high-flying Stags to Porth and Ton Pentre CC, on another fine day.

The Stags were looking to build on their win from last week against Vale CC. From the look of the pitch (damp and green), there could only be one choice – bowl first. Ian Gadd lost the toss and was made to bat.

Things weren't looking good as Barry struggled to manoeuvre the ball around the ground. Things went from bad to worse as the Stags were continuously losing wickets, including a mix-up between batsmen Nathan Baker and Anjan Ganapathy, leading to a run out.

Despite this, Anjan was top scorer with 28 and Simon Phillips battled hard for 18. Barry were all out for 133 in just 44 overs.

After the mid-session interval, Porth and Ton Pentre CC got to work chasing down 134 runs to win the match. However, this was no easy task as bowlers Peter Hellyar and Zahid Razzaq began picking off the top-order batsmen one by one.

Hellyar achieved his second successive four wicket haul as he took 4-42 from his 15 overs. At 44-4, Barry certainly had the chances to win this game.

However, the batting partnership of Brian Morgan (45) and Prygodzicz (15), reaching an unbroken 46, took the game as Porth and Ton Pentre reached the target of 134, winning by five wickets.

SECOND XI LOSE OUT

IT was a batsman's paradise when Barry Second XI played Newport Fugitives CC.

Newport captain Steve Durston, won the toss and elected to bowl first. Coming into the Barry starting eleven were Martin Baker (captain), Glan Williams, Billy Usswald and Chris Lane.

This decision began to prove costly, as opening batsmen, father and son Peter and Owain Davies, began picking off the bad balls in each over to lift the Stags to more than five runs per over.

Both batsmen were looking in the mood, until the partnership was broken – Owain was given out (controversially) by the match official.

After that, wickets began to become a regular thing as batsmen were getting starts – Martin Baker (19) and Gareth Dixon (16) – but weren't making the higher scores. Despite this, Billy Usswald (43), debutant Nathan Vann (55) and Ashley Baker (25 n/o), held the innings together and helped the Stags reach 241-8 from their allocated 50 overs.

The second innings began not so smoothly for the Fugitives, as two quick wickets fell in the first 10 overs when debutant, Nathan Vann found the edge of Russell Thomas' bat and was caught by Peter Davies.

Next, promising youngster, Jake Griffith, smashed the off stump out of the ground, dismissing Jon Cann for only 10.

This didn't hinder the Fugitives at all, as Roy Emmott took the game to the Stags with a lot of fine shots. Wickets from Martin Baker and Glan Williams weren't able to prevent the Fugitives winning by five wickets.

THIRD XI FALL SHORT

BARRY Third XI hosted bitter rivals Pentyrch CC in their first match of the 2009 season.

A sunny day and a hard batting track meant that Barry skipper, Andrew Buckland elected to field first.

Pentyrch CC immediately got to work with more than 50 runs from the first 10 overs. Decent bowling performances from Andy Ellis (2-31) and Simon Phillips, only going for 37 runs from eight overs, helped the Stags provide some resistance.

However, opening batsman, Greg Holmes, scored a magnificent 110 not out, guiding Pentyrch CC to a massive 261-3 from their allocated 40 overs.

Barry needed 6.55 runs per over to win the match. The Pentyrch bowlers put the pressure on in the first 10 overs, restricting the Stags to only 32 runs.

Then the breakthrough came. Opening bowler, Danny Dabson, found the toe of Buckland's bat and the ball was easily caught by Tommy Wilcox. This brought in the in-form Ashley Baker.

Knowing that there weren't many top order batsmen left, he stabilised the innings and played some fine shots. He, along with Simon Phillips, helped the Stags progress to 90-2 from 20 overs.

Shortly after, Baker and Phillips were unluckily dismissed for 36 and 35 respectively. Apart from debutant, Andy Ellis (30), there wasn't much left for the Stags as they were 105 runs short at the end of the innings, finishing on just 156-6 from 40 overs.

DEFEAT FOR MIDWEEK XI

THE Midweek XI, again captained by Andrew Buckland, hosted Lisvane CC. Buckland won the toss and elected to field.

Lisvane were struggling from the first over, as the Stags ripped through the order, taking wicket after wicket, restricting Lisvane to only 112-9 from their 20 overs.

During the innings there were two fabulous run outs from Jake Griffith and Nathan Clemett, both hitting the stumps directly. Decent performances with the ball came from Jake Griffith (1-14 from four overs) and Dominic Lack (1-18 from four overs).

The Barry reply didn't begin too smoothly, as opening batsman, Nathan Clemett, was caught and bowled by L Jones, after only five balls of the first over – not the start that the Stags hoped for.

Things didn't get any better as three more wickets fell – Elliot Clissford, Andrew Buckland and Nathan Baker were all caught trying to play big shots.

With the score on 44-4, Ashley Baker played some fine strokes and along with John Phillips, held the innings together with 57-4 from 13 overs. However, John and Ashley were dismissed for 14 and 25 respectively.

A final flourish from Simon Phillips (19 n/o) wasn't enough for Barry as they fell short on 99-6 from their 20 overs.

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Open gardens

THE Penarth annual Open Gardens Day Trail takes place on Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26.

Proceeds to The Children's Society.

Blood donor session

THERE will be a blood donor session on Tuesday, May 26, at Highlight Community Centre, Stirling Road, Barry, from 10am-6pm.

RHOOSE WI NEWS

RHOOSE Women's Institute held a resolutions meeting on May 7, in the Community Hall.

No speaker had been booked; however, once the business side had been dealt with, Ann Harris, president, gave an impassioned talk on the resolution - bees and why it was essential their survival was recognised.

Members discussed and were asked to vote on what the 'Link' in five institutes should be named. This institute voted unanimously for 'Heritage Link'. It now remains to be seen as to what the other four Institutes prefer.

Members were reminded that, weather permitting, the weekly walks would continue.

On June 6, there will be a coffee morning held by Ray Reynolds. The education trip will be to the American Museum, in Bath, on June 16 - friends and relatives welcome, bus space allowing.

Elsa Jones won the competition for Poppy theme, with Sylvia Morphet second. Jill Jones won the raffle.

On July 8, the *Mad Hatter's Tea Party* will be held in the hall with an entrance charge of £3.

Members were reminded that the next meeting will be on June 4, in the Presbyterian church, opposite the Post Office as the Community Hall is being used for the European Union elections. The competition of the evening will be a rose theme.

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Alexander, M (Mrs)	13,030.00	3,255.09		16,285.09
Bagstaff, S (Mrs)	13,030.00		132.77	13,162.77
Bertin, R	13,030.00			13,030.00
Birch, MEJ (Mrs)	13,030.00	976.42	783.73	14,790.15
Birch, R (Ms)	1,230.68	653.51		1,884.19
Bird, J	11,769.01	5,950.97	538.55	18,258.53
Brooks, B (Mrs)	11,769.01			11,769.01
Burnett, E (Mrs)	1,230.68			1,230.68
Charles, J (Mrs)	13,030.00	15,206.36	239.06	28,475.42
Church, P	13,030.00	14,880.83	299.05	28,209.88
Clay, C (Mrs)	1,230.68	653.51	220.44	2,104.63
Clifford, J	13,030.00	8,927.28	1,355.04	23,312.32
Cole, J (Mrs)	1,230.68			1,230.68
Cox, GA	13,030.00	14,880.83	834.67	28,745.50
Curtis, RF	13,030.00	1,627.59		14,657.59
Dobbinson, A	1,260.83	1,004.14		2,264.97
Drake, P (Ms)	11,769.01			11,769.01
Egan, S	13,030.00	1,627.59		14,657.59
Ellis, V (Mrs)	11,769.01			11,769.01
Elmore, C	11,769.01			11,769.01
Ernest, AM	13,030.00	14,880.83	991.00	28,901.83
Franks, C	1,230.68			1,230.68
Fraser, J	11,769.01	8,927.28	222.62	20,918.91
Gibbs, N	1,230.68	1,633.94		2,864.62
Hacker, E	13,030.00	650.88	634.70	14,315.58
Hampton, A	13,030.00	15,852.18	616.22	29,498.40
Hartrey, V (Mrs)	13,030.00	1,627.59	40.80	14,698.39
Harvey, M	1,230.68		64.13	1,294.81
Hatton, K	11,769.01			11,769.01
Hodges, NP	13,030.00	3,947.31		16,977.31
James, HJW	13,030.00	15,852.18	871.19	29,753.37
Jarvie, TH	13,030.00	16,368.87	570.89	29,969.76
John, G	12,649.50	1,455.10		14,104.60
Johnson, FT	13,030.00			13,030.00
Kelly Owen, M (Mrs)	13,030.00			13,030.00
Kemp, G	13,030.00	30,732.17		43,762.17
Kemp, K (Mrs)	11,769.01			11,769.01
Moore, AJ (Mrs)	13,030.00			13,030.00
Moore, N	13,030.00	10,717.70		23,747.70
Osborne, CL	13,030.00	5,950.97	458.24	19,439.21
Powell, A	1,230.68			1,230.68
Preston, A (Mrs)	13,030.00	6,466.99	1,013.46	20,510.45
Randall, M (Mrs)	13,030.00	1,627.59		14,657.59
Sharpe, S (Mrs)	13,030.00			13,030.00
Shaw, B	1,230.68			1,230.68
Stockdale, K	1,230.68	653.51		1,884.19
Thomas, J	13,030.00	9,898.63		22,928.63
Traherne, R	11,769.01	14,880.83	69.20	26,719.04
Turner, D (Mrs)	11,769.01	14,880.83	423.51	27,073.35
Vaughan, C	10,227.82			10,227.82
Wiliam, S	13,030.00	650.88		13,680.88
Wilkinson, M (Mrs)	13,030.00	10,554.87	84.17	23,669.04
Williams, Clive A	13,030.00	7,099.58	72.14	20,201.72
Williams, A	1,230.68			1,230.68
Williams, CJ	13,030.00	10,554.87	283.00	23,867.87
Williams, ET	13,030.00	6,601.84		19,631.84
Williams, S (Ms)	11,769.01	8,927.28		20,696.29
Wilson, M	13,030.00		127.25	13,157.25
Wright, M (Ms)	11,769.01		43.53	11,812.54
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The GEM has some more great news!

THE GEM has launched a 'live' on-line digital edition of its weekly printed titles.

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Best-kept village shares its secrets

LLANMAES, this year's Best Kept Village in the Vale, is inviting rival villages to come and visit this weekend.

No, it's not an act of unusual generosity – villagers have a plant sale on bank holiday Monday and would like as many people to attend as possible!

A spokeswoman said: "We will have lots of colourful plants, both annual and perennial, for sale. There are also tomato plants and herbs, all at bargain prices.

"Entrance to the sale is free, but we will be selling teas, coffees, soft drinks and homemade cakes."

She continued: "We are also privileged to have a talk, at 3.30pm, on growing vegetables, by expert gardener, and village resident, Bill Lee. Proceeds go to our social committee, which organises events throughout the year."

The event takes place between 2pm-5pm on Monday, May 5.

For more information, telephone Gail on 01446 792543.

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A MAY fayre will be held in the Paget Rooms, Penarth on Saturday, May 30, between 10am-12noon.

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One of the highlights was 'One Dame and her sheep'. Each team had to field a pantomime-type 'Bo-Peep' who had to whistle a blind-folded 'sheep' on all fours round an assault course.

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‘Cruel’ father who horse-whipped his children is jailed for 27 months

A STRICT father has been jailed for 27 months at Cardiff Crown Court for horse-whipping his three young children to “stop them going off the rails”.

The man admitted using his riding crop on the children, aged between seven and 12, to make them behave.

The father, aged 52, denied it was cruelty - claiming he had whipped them “for their own good”.

But a judge branded him a cruel and controlling bully whose behaviour towards his children was “unspeakable”.

The father hit his children if they were late for a meal, were slow in coming home after playing outside, or even if they held a salt cellar wrongly.

Prosecutor Martyn Kelly said police were alerted to the father’s cruelty after one of his children rang them.

Officers found two children so terrified when they arrived that they clung to the police and begged them not to leave them.

The three children gave evidence against their father at Cardiff Crown Court over a video link.

One child told the court they would be hit with the riding crop if they disobeyed his orders.

She said: “He would say go and get ready for bed and if we began walking very slowly to get ready then he would hit you with the horse-whip”.

His youngest child said: “If I wouldn’t get ready for bed, dad hit me on the hand with the horsewhip quite hard. It made me feel sad”.

One said when his father hit him it felt like his hand “was on fire” and always left a mark.

The children said they would regularly hide the 70-year-old riding crop from their father to avoid his punishments.

The court heard how their father, a qualified engineer, was very religious and had taken a four-year university degree course in divinity.

The father said: “I used it as a deterrent. I’m trying to instill discipline into the children. I don’t wish for them to go off the rails.

“I’m actively trying to be a good father, to bring them up knowing right and wrong.

“I’m trying to instill discipline but children don’t like that - they like to run free from parental control.

“The riding crop is a deterrent. It would be used only on the palm of the hand, never to cause injury. I don’t hit them hard, I am extremely careful.

“I’ve never used it when I’ve lost my temper or when I’ve been angry or enraged.”

His lawyer, Eugene Egan, said: “He acknowledges that in 2009 it is not legitimate or acceptable to use a riding crop to discipline children.”

The father, from the Vale, was also found guilty of twice assaulting his partner, the children’s mother, who was 20 years younger than him.

Judge Stephen Hopkins QC jailed the father for a total of 27 months – 18 months for the assaults and nine months for the cruelty offences.

He told him: “Your behaviour towards your children was unspeakable and you are a cruel and controlling bully.

“The fact that you consider it appropriate to hit children with a riding crop, albeit on the hand, demonstrates you are a cruel man.”

‘GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE UNDER-ESTIMATED COST OF SEVERN BARRAGE’ CLAIMS AM

REGIONAL AM Alun Cairns has expressed concern about the findings of a study into the proposed Severn Barrage which has revealed flaws in government plans.

The study was commissioned by an alliance of environmental organisations, including the RSPB, The National Trust, The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, the World Wildlife Fund, the Wye and Usk Foundation plus the Anglers Trust.

Respected engineers WS Atkins were asked to look at the short-listed proposals, and they have found that these schemes are based on out-of-date calculations.

“The report found that the government is using 30-year-old calculations for power generation,” he said.

“More worryingly, the report claims that the government may have seriously under-estimated the cost of the Cardiff-Weston barrage, which would also be very environmentally damaging.

“There are also concerns that environmental considerations have been given too little weight and that other less environmentally damaging schemes to generate electricity have been overlooked.”

Mr Cairns said that the organisations involved were all highly respected with reputations to protect.

“We must sit up and take notice when groups like these put their names to a report,” he said. “They are calling for the government to carry out a second study and I would support that.

“There’s a serious danger that the government will make the wrong choice and we simply cannot afford to get this wrong. Too much is at stake.

“I would prefer to see more research carried out into every aspect of these alternative schemes including their environmental impact and their true cost. Other alternatives that have been ruled out must be re-examined. Only then can a sensible and rational decision be made,” he added.

VALE PACT MEETINGS:

RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community Centre, Tuesday, May 26, 7pm.

SULLY PACT, Jubilee Hall, Monday, June 1, 8pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Communities First Office, Tuesday, June 2, 7pm.

CADOC PACT, Palmerstone Community Learning Centre, Wednesday, June 3, 7pm.

ST ATHAN PACT, The Gathering Place, Wednesday, June 3, 7.30pm.

ST BRIDES PACT, St Brides Church hall, Wednesday, June 3, 6pm.

CORNERSWELL PACT, Cogan Leisure Centre, July 2, 7pm.

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Can you offer a loving home to best friends Riley and Shimba?

The GEM has joined forces with the Dog's Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

THIS WEEK, the Dogs Trust puts out a special appeal to keep two inseparable pals together in a loving new home.

Linda Feagan of the Rehoming Centre explained: "Riley and Shimba are a beautiful pair who we are hoping to rehome together.

"Riley, a one-year-old lurcher, is a worried little boy, who benefits greatly from living with another, well-adjusted dog – that is where Shimba, a two-year-old greyhound comes in.

"She is a sweet dog with loads of personality; she is very outgoing, and a little cheeky with it!

"She needs a little more basic training, which will also help build up Riley's social skills. They will make a great pair in the right home."

If you would like more information on Riley and Shimba, or any of the other dogs who are looking for a good home, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, or phone 01656 725219.

Riley, Shimba and some of their friends are on the website at www.dogstrust.org.uk (click on Rehoming).

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MP backs increase in minimum wage

VALE MP, John Smith, welcomed the Government's decision to increase the national minimum wage as good news for low-paid workers in the Vale.

From October, the minimum wage for workers over 22 years old will increase from £5.73 an hour to £5.80, and from £4.77 to £4.83 for 18 to 21 year olds; and for 16-17 year olds it will go up from £3.53 to £3.57 an hour.

Mr Smith said: "I got involved in politics to fight for workers' rights. That's why I welcome this increase in the national minimum wage which will benefit many workers here in the Vale."

Ambulance queues probe is welcomed

NEWS that the audit committee at the Assembly is to investigate why ambulances are being forced to queue outside accident and emergency departments at hospitals, has been welcomed by Alun Cairns AM.

Mr Cairns said that South East Wales ambulances boss Grant Gordon has spelled out the reasons in his meeting with members of Cowbridge Town Council.

"He said in no uncertain terms that ambulances were unable to discharge patients at hospitals because there are no beds available for them to go into."

Mr Gordon was reported in The GEM as stating that he has had up to seven of his ambulances tied up outside one hospital at the same time because staff cannot hand their patients over.

Mr Cairns, who is also Tory parliamentary candidate for the Vale, added: "Patients are still waiting on trolleys in corridors for hours while bed managers run around trying to free up beds by sending people home.

"Of course, not all of this can be blamed onto delays at casualty departments and there are other factors in the equation."

Barnardo's SOS for foster carers

BARNARDO'S Cymru has sent out an urgent appeal for local foster carers.

"Last year there were more than 4,500 looked-after children in Wales, and three quarters were in foster care. It is estimated that at least 750 new foster carers will be needed over the next year," said Barnardo's manager Merril Roberts.

Barnardo's is looking for foster homes for older children who have emotional or behavioural difficulties; for disabled children with learning difficulties; and for 'ready-made' families of brothers and sisters who need to be fostered together.

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MORE WOMEN SEEK VITAL CERVICAL SMEAR TESTS

THERE has been a huge increase in the number of women asking for cervical smear tests in the wake of Jade Goody's death.

A spokesman for the Joint Cervical Screening Programme stated that women in Bridgend and the Vale had been coming forward for these tests in record numbers.

Doctor's surgeries and clinics across the area have all reported a surge in demand. One practice has had to put on an extra weekly clinic and another is running six extra clinics a month.

Another surgery has reported a doubling of smear tests between January and April compared to last year.

One clinic saw the number increase from 31 in March last year to 97 in March this year – a trebling of the figures.

The number of women failing to turn up for these tests has also plummeted and some clinics are reporting a 90 per cent drop in these figures.

The unprecedented demand has meant that some women may have had to wait to get an appointment because, despite extra clinics, demand has outstripped supply.

Health authorities are urging women who are unable to keep their appointment to ring in, even if it's on the day, so that the slot can be given to someone else.

Women who are on a three-year recall should wait for their invitation letter, rather than try to go early – unless they have symptoms they are concerned about, in which case they should see their GP.

Laboratory staff are working flat out but are hitting their targets and women are able to get their results within four to six weeks.

Jeremy Gasson, who is the clinical director for Women and Child Health at the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Trust and who is a consultant gynaecologist, said that Jade Goody's death had brought the screening programme to the forefront of people's minds.

"That is a very good thing to come out of a sad situation," he commented.

CHURCH ORGAN FUND IS BOOSTED AT NASH MANOR

Report and photographs by HEATHER MARCH

ABOVE: Guests were able to enjoy a stroll in the garden.

ABOVE: Jenny Williams (centre) with members of the hard working committee.

ABOVE: A delicious supper provided by the hard working team.

ABOVE: The host at Nash Manor, Eric Williams (left) with guests in the lovely court yard of the historic residence.

A LINK with the distant past was made recently when the committee of the Llandaff Cathedral organ fund came to the Vale to hold a fundraising supper at Nash Manor, the beautiful home of Eric and Jenny Williams.

Chairman Jeffrey Morgan explained that it is documented that Nash was the position of one of the summer extra parochial residences of the Bishop of Llandaff in medieval times. It was called Osmund's Ash.

The remains of the Chapel of St Osmund was destroyed in 1963, when new houses were built in the grounds of the Manor.

The cathedral is working hard to raise money to build a replacement organ, and this delightful event was one of many functions taking place.

For details of other events, call the Cathedral Office on 02920 564554.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN

Your community correspondents are Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448

NEW ARCHDEACON

THE licensing service for the Venerable Peggy Jackson will be at Saint Cadoc's, Llancarfan, on Monday, June 1, at 7.30pm, and will be followed by a reception at the village hall.

IRISH NIGHT

THERE will be an Irish Night at the village hall in Llancarfan, on Saturday, May 30, starting at 7.30pm, featuring a traditional Irish supper and music from Colum Regan with, of course, a well-stocked bar.

This has been organised by members of the village bookclub. All proceeds will go towards the Wall Paintings appeal.

There will be a display of dancing by the Michelle O'Donnell School of Irish dancing in Cardiff and a bar and raffle will be available.

These nights have proved to be most popular in the past, so book your tickets early.

Tickets are £12.50 and are available from Joann Scott-Quelch (01446 781366), Kay Brain (01446 781070) or any member of the Llancarfan Book Club.

LLANCARFAN SOCIETY

THERE are various events scheduled by the society over the next few months, the first of which is a treasure hunt (on foot) in Llancarfan.

Entry forms will be available at the village hall from 6.15pm on Tuesday, June 2, with the event starting at 6.30pm.

Entry is £1 (children under-11 free). All entries must be back at the hall by 8.30pm and prizes will be given to the first and second highest scoring persons or family.

PETANQUE

THE Ruth Watts Memorial competition will take place at the village petanque piste on Sunday, June 28, starting at 1.30pm. Entry is £1 per head with teams of three.

It will be a 'bring your own drink' day.

WHIST DRIVE

THE next Llancarfan Society Whist Drive will be on Tuesday, May 26, at 7.30pm, in the hall. Admission as usual is £1.

PENTECOST

ZOAR Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston is inviting worshippers to spend a few minutes in prayer and meditation on Pentecost Sunday (May 30).

A church spokeswoman said: "The church will be open between 2pm-3.30pm for a chance to pray, think, reflect – a chance to be silent before God, and our minister Rev Adelaide will also be available."

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'Public apology is called for'

I WAS somewhat disturbed to see an article in The GEM headlined 'Vale MP backs campaign to allow Gurkha soldiers to settle in the UK' – and a picture of John Smith with a delegation of Gurkha soldiers.

The MP had signed a parliamentary Early Day Motion to bring forward a new ruling on the rights of former Gurkha soldiers to settle in the UK. He went on to say that Gurkhas have been campaigning for equal treatment with other Commonwealth soldiers – "it is a matter of principle".

Well, can the MP please explain that when the Gurkha Settlement Rights came before the House of Commons on April 29 and the Government was defeated in an opposition day motion, why he voted against it? Why he did not support the Gurkhas?

After the Government's defeat, we then see him rushing out to sign this Early Day Motion. I bet the soldiers in the photo were not aware that he had voted against them.

Does the MP not realise that in an age where many homes now have internet access, we would be able to check on how MPs vote on issues?

I am very disappointed in our MP and think that he should make a public apology to those brave men.

Coun Russell Downe, Llantwit Major

'Can we know truth, please?'

ON page 7 of the May 7 edition of The GEM, you have a letter from Alun Cairns AM, reporting that John Smith MP voted with the Government against the Gurkha soldiers' UK settlement rights in the House of Commons.

On the same page, you show a photo of Mr Smith with a headline saying that he was at a rally showing that he was backing a campaign to allow Gurkha soldiers to settle in the UK.

Can we know the truth, please?

Stan Griffiths, Barry

Credit where credit is due

SINCE we are quick to criticise local public sector departments for their shortcomings, when services do meet our needs due credit should be given and made known.

While it may have been co-incidental with actions taken by others, within five days of my advising the Vale Highways department by e-mail of two large and deepening holes in the road on entering Colwinston and towards the A48, acknowledgement had been received, the holes in question 'yellow-lined' and filled!

Certainly, the lanes in the Vale are in continuous need of attention, however, such an immediate response shows recognition of the need to fix such one-off problems as they arise.

Equally, users of the recycling site at Llandow will have noticed since the change in contractor more than a year ago, a very great improvement in the service offered.

A clean, well-organised site with helpful staff has replaced the previously cluttered, badly laid-out area, manned by often unhelpful employees.

Full marks to Biffa, the contractors, and their staff.

Finally, in my limited experience, on reporting to the council dumped refuse in the lanes, these have been picked up within a reasonable response time.

While I appreciate many will say that this is the function of the council to whom we pay a significant charge through council tax, travelling across the UK shows that such attention is not always the case.

No, I am not a former council employee, but rather a retired incomer wishing to enjoy living in such a pleasant part of Britain!

Colin Jones, Colwinston

...and now to the question of councillors' expenses

IN view of the current economic climate in the country, can we now expect our local councillors to produce their expenses receipts for our perusal?

Marjorie Voaden, Rhoose

Gurkhas' rights and Vale MP

THE GEM'S postbag has been dominated by letters on the Gurkhas' controversy. Here is a further selection.

I SUSPECT that I am not alone in being surprised at the report in The GEM entitled 'Vale MP backs campaign to allow the Gurkha soldiers to settle in UK'.

From the title and content of the report, in which he stated: "This is a matter of principle", I would have assumed that Mr Smith had voted against the Government and in support of the Gurkhas on April 29.

However, a check of the House of Commons voting records reveals the opposite – and that he voted to oppose the Gurkha Settlement Rights motion.

Mr Smith seems to base his claim on his having signed an Early Day Motion (1362). EDMs are little more than petitions, rarely debated in the House and in parliamentary terms virtually never have any direct consequence.

To sign an EDM purporting to support the Gurkhas and then to vote against, in a debate which had almost identical aims, strikes me as odd.

To subsequently try and claim credit in your newspaper is disingenuous.

The report last week would seem, at the very least, to be misleading. Perhaps Mr Smith could explain why he voted as he did and how this could be, in any way, construed as principled or supporting the Gurkha soldiers?

Hywel Jones, Llantwit Major

'Outrageous to pretend otherwise'

I REFER to last week's article relating to MP John Smith's supposed support for the Gurkhas and am writing to protest at breathtaking hypocrisy.

Far from supporting the campaign to allow Gurkhas to settle, on April 29 Mr Smith voted *against* the motion to extend an equal right of residence to all Gurkhas.

It is outrageous and deceitful of him to pretend otherwise.

R Caple, Porthcawl

'Time to go'

HOW is it possible that our current Member of Parliament John Smith states that he fully supports the Gurkhas in their campaign for equal treatment which would entitle them to settle in the UK, and then votes against them in the Commons vote?

How can we believe anything that he says in the future? Time to go, Mr Smith. Goodbye!

Dianne Nicholls, Peterston-super-Ely

Explanation call

HOW come that John Smith MP is supporting the Gurkhas after voting with the Government in opposing the Gurkha settlement rights?

How hypocritical can one be? Will he give The GEM another interview to explain?

Leri Trivett, St Brides Super Ely

A case of too little, too late, Mr Cairns!

I REFER to the scandal of MPs' expenses which has raged over the past week.

During this period, I expect that many readers have missed an announcement regarding Alun Cairns AM, who will be standing in the Vale of Glamorgan for the parliamentary seat next year.

During last week, I was pleased to read that Mr Cairns will not claim in the region of £12,000 for his second home in future, which of course he has done in the past – living in Ewenny, of course, is so far away from Cardiff Bay.

I wonder if this has anything to do with the fact that the election is not far away, and he wants to remind the electorate what a good man he really is.

Gwyn John, Llantwit Major

A warning from the past about the BNP of today

I AM sure many of your readers will share my utmost revulsion at the way the latest BNP piece of propaganda arrogantly uses the spirit of The Battle of Britain, including the heroic battles of Dunkirk and D-Day, to promote their extreme right wing views.

But the truth tells a very different story. The hundreds of thousands of British people who gave their lives during the Second World War were fighting the same fascist and extreme right wing views currently put forward by the BNP.

They died so that Britain would remain a democratic and tolerant society, free from the politics of hate and victimisation.

After reading their leaflets, just replace the words "flood of immigrants into Britain" (BNP) with "living space for the German people" (Adolf Hitler) and "asylum seekers" with the word "Jew" and suddenly you are transported back to the dark days of the 1930s and the rise of fascist and Nazi parties throughout Europe.

Hatred and ugly racism has never been the British way. In the forthcoming European elections please, please, please remember the hundreds of thousands of British men and women who fought so bravely to free the world from the evils and cruelty of extreme right wing politics.

On June 4, vote anything but the BNP… choose hope not hate!

Rob Curtis (Vale Labour councillor)

MP and Bravest of the Brave

THERE is little doubt that the article and photograph relating to the rights of residency for Gurkha Soldiers in The GEM tells us far more about John Smith MP, than did his wrap-around puff piece some two weeks ago.

The Honourable Member for the Vale of Glamorgan would have us believe he is fully supporting 'The Bravest of the Brave' while he and all the other Welsh Labour Members, with the exception of Julie Morgan, trotted meekly into the Government Lobby in a bid to deny them the very rights he purports they should have.

Does he think that the electorate of the Vale are sufficiently foolish to be taken in – probably yes.

Are there no depths to which he will not stoop in courting popularity? On current form, it is unlikely.

James R Bevan, Flemingstone (Gurkha Welfare Trust Supporter)

Vale MP's 'blatant inconsistency'

VALE MP backs campaign to allow Gurkha soldiers to settle in UK' – please ask John Smith MP why he signed a parliamentary Early Day Motion on the new ruling on the rights of former Gurkha soldiers, when his voting record shows that he voted 'NO' on April 29 to their settlement rights.

This is outrageous. I hope people come to see and hear of this blatant inconsistency.

Gillian Bruce, Barry

Internet truths

IN his letter to The GEM on May 7, FMD Knill of Pendoylan states that John Smith MP voted in favour of the Government, to stop Gurkhas from living in the UK.

This is, in fact, true. I have checked and he did vote to keep the Gurkhas out of the UK.

Not only did he vote for this, he also voted in favour of stopping the people he represents having the promised referendum on the Lisbon Treaty.

Anthony Evans, Llantwit Major

LLANTWIT MAYOR HAS PICKED UP TORY TRICKS

I REFER to the report in The GEM dated May 14 in which Coun Russell Downe commented as follows: "Coun John should sit back and think about what's happened and stop playing the blame game".

I am surprised that Coun Downe is unaware that independents do not have a party whip and they are free to vote the way they wish.

This applies to Llantwit First Independents. The group discuss the issues and usually come to a consensus; however, if a member has their own view and wishes to vote differently from the rest of the group, they are free to do so – that is what 'independent' means.

Unlike political parties, there is no party whip to follow and in this case, the Conservatives enforced the whip, as I was led to believe by one of their members.

Nevertheless, it still comes back to the issue of nominations and quite simply, the Conservatives nominated Coun Downe; if they had not done this there would have been only one nomination, that of Coun Matthews.

Of course, Coun Downe has spent the last 12 months pestering members of Llantwit First Independents for support, in his attempt to split our group he obviously has picked up the Tories' dirty tricks.

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CAFE CWTCH, High Street, Barry, opened their doors on Saturday, May 16 to welcome Jessica Evans, community fundraising executive for Save the Children UK, Jenny Ogwen and Derek Brockway to help raise money, and also the profile of this deserving charity.

The 'Go Tea-potty party' was held as part of Save the Children week (April 22-May 2).

Despite Derek's commitments, he agreed to still support the campaign and encourage others to have similar tea parties.

The money raised on Saturday was going towards saving new-born babies across the globe who are threatened by illnesses such as diarrhoea and pneumonia.

To find out more, download a pack from savethe children.org.cuk/goteapotty

ABOVE: Emma Lofthouse (Café Cwtch), Jenny Ogwen, Hilary Barber (Café Cwtch), Derek Brockway. In front: Jessica Evans (Save the Children).

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The Ship is shipshape and ready for the whole family to enjoy

A POPULAR pub in Barry is set to reopen its doors after a major refurbishment.

The Ship Inn on Harbour Road opens for business on May 20 at 11am.

The Ship, part of the Hungry Horse chain owned by Greene King, has had a major facelift including the fitting of a new kitchen and remodelling of the pub interior and beer garden.

"We have something to offer everyone," pub manager Alun Baker said. "There is good quality family food at an affordable price .

"The pub has a brand new menu with some great offers, including two meals for £8, burger and a pint for £4.99 and the launch of six new curries."

Regular customers will be amazed at the transformation inside and outside the pub, which include new family booths with private TV screens, a new sports bar with two pool tables, and plasma screens for the avid sports fan.

Sun worshippers can enjoy the new seating in the beer garden while letting the kids play in both the indoor and outdoor play areas

With regular entertainment including A 'Tom Jones Tribute' this bank holiday weekend, and upcoming promotions including charity days for the Wales Air Ambulance and Help for Heroes, as well as a competition to find Barry's best dad to celebrate Father's Day, The Ship really is the place for the whole family.

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Vale schools get top marks for their healthy approach

YOUNG people in the Vale celebrated their achievements through the Vale Healthy Schools scheme.

All Vale schools have been part of the scheme for 18 months. It is co-ordinated by the National Public Health Service through the Local Public Health Team, and actively supported by the Vale Council and the Vale Local Health Board (LHB).

Health issues which the schools tackle include food and fitness, emotional health and well being, the environment and global citizenship, pupil participation, working with the community and safety and hygiene.

A special day was held recently at the Barry Memorial Hall, and the audience was welcomed by a band made up of children and young people from Cowbridge schools, who played a series of lively numbers.

Jane Hutt, Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning and Skills, presented two pupils from each school with plaques and certificates of accreditation from the Welsh Assembly Government.

These marked their achievements in reaching their healthy schools targets over the past year.

Children from nine local schools demonstrated a range of healthy school activities which ranged from songs by the choir of a local special school to squash and street dancing.

Finally, there was a grand finale, with belly dancing from the pupils of St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School.

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Out and About with The GEM

Hannah (11) is taking dancing into spotlight

ON May 10, open auditions were held at the Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff for dancers to perform in the upcoming Hip Hop Production, *Pied Piper,* produced by Boy Blue Ent as part of the Breakin' the Bay Urban Arts Festival on June 12-14.

Hannah Bishop (11) from Barry was successful in attaining a place and will start rehearsing with the dance company and choreographer Kendrick 'H20' Sandy.

"This is an amazing opportunity for Hannah, who trains with YDance at the YMCA each week and the experience will definitely help her in her dance development. We hope that all who know Hannah will support her by going to watch her perform on the Donald Gordon Stage," said spokeswoman Emma Mallam.

RIGHT: Hannah Bishop.

Your chance to win a set of Tudor stamps

THEY ruled during one of the most famous periods in our history, now the Tudors are back on new stamps from Royal Mail.

The six stamps mark the 500th anniversary of the accession of Henry VIII and the House of Tudor, and readers of the Glamorgan GEM can win a set of the 'Regal' miniatures in our exciting Royal Mail competition this month.

The stamps feature six portraits from the Welsh dynasty that saw some of the best known of our Kings and Queens sit upon the English throne.

Val Bodden, media relations manager for Royal Mail in Wales, said: "Coinciding with the 500th anniversary of the accession of Henry VIII, this amazing set of stamps profiles the monarchs as well as the major icons of the era.

"This is the second set in our landmark Kings and Queens series of stamp issues."

To enter the competition and win a House of Tudor Royal Mail stamp presentation pack, answer the following question: Which of these kings hasn't sat on the throne?

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No correspondence will be entered into, and the judge's decision is final. *Good luck!*

The Angels and Demons can't save Tom Hanks in poor film

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

WHEN Tom Hanks and Ron Howard took their first journey into Dan Brown's world of Robert Langdon, in *The Da Vinci Code*, the results were surprisingly muted.

Huge box office takings couldn't disguise an underwhelming and unwieldy film that paid far too much attention to Brown's prose and not enough to action and story. Their second stab at the world, *Angels and Demons*, attempts to redress the balance.

This time around, Hanks' Langdon is asked to investigate when, following the death of the Pope, the Illuminati capture four cardinals, intending to execute one every hour before detonating a bomb in the Vatican. Teaming up with a scientist (played by Ayelet Zurer) and a priest (Ewan McGregor), Langdon faces a race against time to stop the Illuminati carrying out their threats...

If there were a series of books most suitable for big-screen adaption, then Dan Brown's Robert Langdon stories would fit into that category. After all, with an in-built audience and the cinematic nature of the stories being told, success would be assured; and *The Da Vinci Code's* worldwide box-office take of $758 million was hardly meagre, even if the critical response was far more lukewarm.

So the big question is whether or not *Angels and Demons* can emulate *The Da Vinci Code's* financial success and deliver a film that is not only capable of drawing in huge amounts of money, but also makes for a highly enjoyable cinematic experience.

The answer is sadly not; *Angels and Demons* is a ponderous film that only really grips in fits and starts, and, while perhaps more impressive than its predecessor, is still severely lacking in filmic smarts.

Having not read the source material (though aware that it is actually the first of Brown's novels), I went into the film without the expectations that no doubt hampered many people's experience of the first film. Yet the film left me relatively underwhelmed, lacking any real tension nor any real thrust.

Surprisingly, given the film's race-against-time framing device, there is little in the way of urgency or peril exuded by any of the characters. Despite the danger posed by the Illuminati and the fact that Langdon and company have roughly four and a half hours to save everyone in and around the Vatican, there is a remarkable calm; there's even the opportunity for Langdon to quip wittily like a Brosnan Bond.

Screenwriters David Koepp and Akiva Goldsman have huge experience in screenwriting, yet they struggle to convey the constant cliffhangers of Brown's novel into a cohesive flow.

While the story has little let up, and its relentless pace makes it a fast-moving film, Ron Howard's direction works on a very basic level. With an almost picture-postcard feel he frames the city of Rome and the other locations with a striking beauty, but his inability to mine any tension or create any sequences that really stick in the mind add to the film's general lack of excitement.

He creates one or two scenes that stand out but there is nothing that truly lives long, and is a step back for a director whose *Frost/Nixon* earlier this year proved so enthralling.

Performance-wise, Tom Hanks is saddled with less a character and more a cipher, explaining the plot and the various significant findings for those of us less well-schooled in the history of religion and art.

Hanks is more than likeable enough, his easy charm enough to deliver a satisfactory turn, but his is less a performance and more a history guide.

As the female scientist helping Langdon, Ayelet Zurer is practically anonymous, having little to sink her teeth into and even less to do, other than ask Langdon questions which set up the next part of the story.

Given the good quality of the cast in several small roles (Armin Mueller Stahl and Stellan Skarsgard put in fair shifts) it is only Ewan McGregor who pulls off something resembling a performance. His character's sub-plot is intriguing and interesting, and McGregor offers a suitably solid turn that stands head and shoulders above the rest.

Just about holding your interest to a conclusion that suffers ever so slightly from that celluloid affliction, telegraph-itis, *Angels and Demons* drags itself over the finish line without ever truly exerting itself. While it's a perfunctory piece of work that gently holds rather than grips, and an improvement on the last Langdon outing, it is still an inferior effort and far too wordy to enthral.

VERDICT – Less a summer blockbuster and more a historical lecture, *Angels and Demons* is a dull film that is all talk and no action.

While better than *The Da Vinci Code*, it is still a film that struggles to convey the sense of adventure and excitement in Dan Brown's pages into a satisfactory film. *Poor.*

Singers join new community choir

BUDDING singers throughout the Vale joined a new community choir with plans to perform at St Donats Arts Centre and St Donats Castle.

More than 60 local people attended the first rehearsal of the St Donats Atlantic Chorale on Monday, May 18, led by choirmaster Carl Grainger.

Both the arts centre and Carl Grainger, who is also director of the Welsh Sinfonia Chorus, were delighted with the huge response.

"Even in the land of song, the birth of a new choir is a rare and exciting event. I am thrilled by the enthusiasm of the local community and look forward to making music in the wonderful rehearsal and performance spaces of St Donats Arts Centre and Castle.

"They are both superb venues for choral music with magnificent spaces, perfect acoustics and an idyllic setting. The only thing missing is a resident choir – until now," he commented.

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Out and About with The GEM

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There are 45 horses entered for the first race of the day – open maiden race – at 2pm. Twenty are down to run in the club members' race for novice riders, 16 in the men's open, 20 in the ladies' open, 32 in the restricted and 20 in the intermediate.

Many of the season's leading horses and riders will be in action, and an exciting afternoon's steeplechasing is promised over the popular racecourse.

All dressed up for a royal show!

SALLY KINGSBURY, playing Guinevere in Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society's forthcoming show *Camelot* by Lerner and Loewe, is pictured (below) in one of the dozen or so authentic costumes she will wear as Queen Guinevere.

Her husband Tony Kingsbury (chairman of CAOS) said: "Costumes were going to play an important part in the show and we are delighted with them. They look amazing and some of the best we've seen for *Camelot*.

Tony, who also plays Lancelot, said: "It is our 40th anniversary and as it was a special year, we felt that it was right that we put on a spectacle of a show for our audience.

"Many of our costumes are ex-RSC and are very authentic. We have been fortunate to have an excellent and experienced cast and chorus for *Camelot* and it promises to be a spectacular show."

Camelot is at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School, Ham Lane, from May 27–30 at 7.15pm (special matinee performance at 2pm on Saturday).

Tickets are available on 0845 4592605.

Sally Kingsbury in costume.

WHAT'S ON IN BRIEF

Age Concern's coffee morning

AGE Concerns' Western Vale Good Neighbour Scheme is holding a coffee morning on Thursday, June 4 at the Llantonian Hall, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major, from 10am-2pm.

Admission is £1.50 and this includes tea, coffee and biscuits (plus top ups). There will be a variety of stalls, from home-made cakes, tombola, bric-a-brac, plants and a raffle.

Proceeds raise from the coffee morning will go towards the Good Neighbour Scheme.

It's a good opportunity to meet up with friends.

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Medieval village hosts warriors

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Victorian soldiers of the Zulu war will rub shoulders with the Royal Welch Fusiliers from the fields of Waterloo; while warriors of ancient Greece can be seen with the demure and cultured ladies of the Regency period!

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Llandow Race Circuit hosts British Heart Foundation cycle ride

by MIKE SMITH

THE British Heart Foundation is hoping a new record level of funding will be raised by the many young cyclists who rode around Llandow Race Circuit recently.

Children aged from four to 14 tried their hardest around the track, pausing occasionally for refreshments provided by the BHF committee.

Sharon Evans, who owns the circuit with her husband Tony, started the riders using a megaphone.

To minimise the chances of an accident there was a staggered start with the smallest children starting first, several of them riding alongside a parent.

The weather was glorious and while some families sat on the grass bank, others relaxed in their picnic chairs.

Although some keen children have already started collecting, the closing date for sponsorship forms to be handed in is September 24. Only then will the BHF know how much the event has raised.

Every group will be entitled to retain 30 per cent of their sponsorship for their own organisation's funds.

Certificates will be awarded to all participants and those raising more than £50 by the deadline will each be presented with a personal prize according to the amount they have raised.The BHF shield will be awarded as a team prize for the team raising the most sponsorship.

The pictures on this page were taken by MIKE WILCOCK.

They are available to order from wilcock60@aol.com or telephone 01446 774502.

NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Wild garlic, bluebells and a butterfly!

THE theme of the walk was wild garlic on south Gower and nature did not disappoint as nine walkers met leader Joy to start their walk under a hefty shower.

Leaving Penmaen (meaning stone top) nestled under Cefn Bryn, the second highest point on Gower, they went by a quiet lane to reach their first woodland at Northhill and, following the slippery bridle path downhill through carpets of wild garlic and bluebells, they reached the road at Parkmill.

Here, during the 12th century, stood a water-powered corn and saw mill that has since been renovated and with crafts forms the Gower Heritage Centre.

Crossing the Pennard Pill River, they climbed narrow winding paths through woods where coats were hastily discarded as the skies brightened.

A short steep climb led to the golf course above Pennard Burrows, and a series of fields led them down through Southgate to the cliff top, where they were greeted by a stiff cool breeze blowing in from the sea.

Tramping over land owned by the National Trust, the group headed past Deep Slade and utilised some handy gorse bushes near an ancient fort to shield them from the strong sea breeze while enjoying refreshments.

Leaving the misty long sweep of Oxwich Bay long behind them, they passed two rock climbers at Pwlldu Head and continued along the undulating path, finally descending at Pwlldu Bay.

Here, they entered the beautiful wooded limestone Bishopston Valley with its carpet of wild garlic, bluebells and in contrast, the five-forked petals of tall Red Campion.

Walking beside the Bishopston Brook, they were fortunate to spy a male orange-tip butterfly, whose white forewings have a fiery orange band that clearly can be seen in flight. This was the perfect place as its caterpillars enjoy the Cuckoo Flower or Lady's Smock, both of which can be found in damp meadows.

ABOVE: Wild garlic on the slopes of South Gower.

Renowned for its caves, potholes and underground chambers, further along the group passed Gut Hole Cave or the 'guzzle- hole' where the brook roars and gurgles, almost drowning out the large variety of birdsong the wood encourages.

Their final climb led to Kittle village, where the group stopped on the green for a well-deserved lunch in sunshine, before tramping by field and road towards the direction of Swansea Airport.

A bridleway led across a small ford and a lovely sunken path took them to the tiny village of Ilston, where they walked through the churchyard into the Ilston Cwm.

Crossing several bridges over the brook, every single inch of the wood was smothered with wild garlic and its pungent smell filled the air as they stopped further on for a drink.

Uphill paths led to fields and the hamlet of Lunon, before more garlic-filled woods led them eventually to Parc le Breos, established in the 1220s by John de Braose, marcher lord of Gower.

There was time to examine the burial chamber, or cromlech, situated in the narrow flat valley and cared for by CADW, before wide pathways through Park Woods, on part of the 35-mile linear Gower Way walk, led to the back of Cefn Bryn and the short walk across open moorland back to the car park.

On May 23, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10.5-mile moderate walk along the Bath sky line and please bring £1 for the toll bridge crossing; contact Val/Terry on 029 2059 5791/029 20 70 6315.

On May 24, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for an eight-mile moderate walk at Ogmore, Castle upon Alun and Southerndown; contact Val W on 01446 734925.

On May 26, the mid-week walk will leave Penarth cliff top car park at 10am for a seven-mile easy walk to Sully Island - please note the change of leader; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On May 28, the third summer evening walk will leave Cosmeston at 7pm for a four-mile easy walk along the coast and Lavernock beach; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice.

For other groups' walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Plug and play!

LLANTWIT MAJOR-based charity, Major Music, is promoting another of its 'Plug and Play' events at the Blacksmith's Arms in Llanmaes on Sunday, May 24, from 6pm.

Trustee and mentor with the Major Music project, Fraser Scott, explained that at many of the showcase events promoted by Major Music, members of the audience have often wanted to 'have a go' themselves.

"The event will give less experienced 'performers' the opportunity of trying a favourite song….or two. For the more accomplished 'entertainers' the stage is yours," he said.

"The event is open to young and old alike – it's about getting up and enjoying yourself in a relaxed and informal setting with friends and family."

Performers are asked to bring along their own instruments, but a full PA system will be available.

A 'music extravaganza' will also take place at St Donats Arts Centre on Friday, July 17.

For more information about Major Music, telephone 01446 792543 or 07966 281804 or leave a message on the website: www.majormusic.net

Bowlers struggle for early season form

IT was not a particularly successful week for the bowlers from the Murch, with both ladies and men's sections playing three games and winning one, while losing two.

The men recorded a welcome win in the Munro Cup game at Windsor Penarth by 62-54, but failed to record any success in their two Saturday games.

In the Welsh Club Championship game at Caerau Welfare, the hosts registered a four-rink win 84-53.

The rink skipped by Colin Garland and ably supported by Reg Davidson, Terry Mayor and Randall Pratt were the most successful of the Murch team, going down by just two shots, 13-15.

In the South Vale DBA 'A' Team Club competition, the Murch 'A' side lost by two shots (84-86) to visiting Millwood 'A' 10-4.

The Murch rink skipped by Alan Savage (up 19 shots) and Bernard Toozer (up one shot) were the Murch winners, while the rinks skipped by Randall Pratt and John Evans went down by 1- and 12 shots respectively.

The Murch ladies, meanwhile, gained a resounding 25-shot win at Fairwater in a Glamorgan League game.

While skip Gloria Perry's rink went down 8-15, the rinks of skips Judy Fudge and Cynthia Tranter won by 23-6 and 2-5 respectively.

Penarth ladies beat Murch ladies 4-25 in an Evening League game, the rinks of skips Belinda Price and Gloria Perry losing by 14 and one shot respectively.

In a ladies Double Rink game at Barry Central the hosts won 37-21, skips Pat Munter and Pat Ayres rinks losing 14-17 and 7-20 respectively.

TERRY NOLAN

SOCIETY AGM

COWBRIDGE Record Society held its annual general meeting at the Lesser Hall on Wednesday, May 13.

Following the meeting, members enjoyed a talk from Nicole Burnett about the value of household objects in teaching history to children. Refreshments were served, and those present were invited to view the recently-refurbished Cell Three of Cowbridge Museum.

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NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF: -
APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

DEVELOPMENT THAT MAY BE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
DEVELOPMENT THAT MAY AFFECT A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY
DEVELOPMENT NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

CONSULTATION ON TWO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NOTICE is given that the following applications have been made to The Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Planning Application No. 2009/00500/FUL
Applicant: The Secretary of State for Defence, Metrix UK Limited and Sodexo Limited.

Location: Land at and adjoining MoD St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan, extending from the B4265 at Boverton in the west to Castleton Farm, St Athan, in the east, and from north of the runway and north of Castleton Road at St Athan in the south to land at the northern end of the MoD St Athan site at Picketston and up to Flemingston Road, St Athan, in the north; together with land adjoining the B4265 near Gileston and land at Waycock Cross, Barry.

Proposal: Development of a **Defence Technical College** and associated facilities and works, including 483 Service Families' Accommodation dwellings, military external and field training areas, the alteration and reconfiguration of St Athan golf course, a hotel, an energy centre, improved parking and servicing facilities for the existing spar shop on Eglwys Brewis Road, the provision of a new access road and other associated highway works and improvements, including a garage for Rose Cottage, and all associated ancillary building, sports, community, ecological mitigation and enhancement, engineering, landscaping, means of enclosure and other works.

Planning Application No. 2009/00501/FUL
Applicant: The Welsh Ministers

Location: Land at and adjoining the **Aerospace Business Park** at St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan, extending from land adjacent to the B4265 at Boverton in the west to land adjacent to Cowbridge Road, St Athan in the east, and from the B4265 at Batslays in the south to land north of Boverton Brook in the north; together with land adjoining the B4265 near Gileston and land at Waycock Cross, Barry.

Proposal: Development at and adjoining the Aerospace Business Park, including: the erection of new and replacement buildings, airfield operational facilities and structures; the provision of access roads, hard standings and other infrastructure; security fencing; landscape and ecological works; garage for Rose Cottage; all associated building and engineering works; and related highway improvements.

The two proposals have been **accompanied by an Environmental Statement** covering both proposals which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the Environmental Statement at a charge of £150.00, from Entec UK Ltd, Pacific House, Imperial Way, Reading RG2 0TD (Tel: 0118 3775 600) so long as stocks last.

Please be advised that Members of the public may inspect copies of all the submitted documentation in connection with each of the applications, including the Environmental statement, at any of the following locations: -

- **The On-Line Applications Register via the Council's Website** at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
- At the **Council's Dock Offices** without appointment, from Monday - Friday, 8.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (4.30 p.m. on Friday). Please note that Planning Officers are not always available to discuss applications, however a Duty Officer is available to assist if required.
- At the Offices (by arrangement) at one of the following Town/ Community Councils: -

St Athan Community Council: Call The Clerk, John Haswell, on 01446 750452 / 750050
Llantwit Major Town Council, Town Hall, Church Street, Llantwit Major - Call The Clerk, Mrs Stokes on 01446 793707
Llanmaes and Llanfair - Call The Clerk, Mrs Griffin on 07969 204773

Please also be advised that arrangements have been made for the submitted documentation and display material to be available for inspection **between the hours of 9.30am and 7.00pm** at the following dates/ locations, with Officers of the Council available to assist with any queries and questions: -

- **Wednesday 3rd June 2009:** The Gathering Place, St Athan
- **Thursday 4th June 2009:** Llantwit Major Town Hall, Church Street, Llantwit Major

APPLICATION THAT MIGHT AFFECT THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING

NOTICE is given that the application(s) detailed above might affect the setting of the following Listed Buildings: - Batslays Farmhouse (Grade II) ; Picketston House (Grade II); Church of St Brise (Grade II); Castleton Farmhouse (Grade II *); Bakehouse and Donkey Stable at Castleton Farmhouse (Grade II); The former barn at Castleton Farm (Grade II); Bethesda'r Fro Chapel (Grade II).

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at *The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT*, **within 21 days of the date of this Notice**, quoting the relevant application reference number (or referring to both reference numbers if the comments relate to both proposals). Please note, however, that any comments received after the expiry of the 21 day consultation period will still be considered, provided they are received no later than 12pm on the day before the application is determined at Committee.

Dated: 21st May 2009

Head of Planning and Transportation

Contact OneVale 01446 700111 • www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

BRYN HAFREN STUDENTS SAY A VERY FOND FAREWELL WITH 'SUCCESS' CERTIFICATES

BRYN HAFREN Comprehensive School held a special ceremony on May 8 to acknowledge the hard work and success of the year-11 pupils who were awarded their certificates.

Pupils celebrated by signing each other's shirts, and had fruit drinks and biscuits.

A number of the students plan to return for the sixth form, while others will be going to college and some will be taking up jobs.

PHOTOGRAPHS by IAN DIXON

'THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES' – PUPILS AT BRYN HAFREN CELEBRATE END OF AN ERA

NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL PUPILS

New cycle shelter is now in use

RIGHT: Robert, Scott and David on their bikes outside the new cycle shelter.

FOLLOWING the production of a school travel plan involving pupils, the school council, parents and governors, the comprehensive school was successful in securing £119,000 as part of the Safer Routes to Schools Initiative from the Welsh Assembly Government.

A number of measures have been taken to ensure the safety of pupils in and around the school. Already in place is a new crossing in front of the school on Port Road, with flashing signs to remind motorists that they are approaching a school and that there is a 40 mph speed limit.

We hope to have this limit reduced further.

A new cycle path has also been put in place from the Colcot Road roundabout through to the end of the school drive.

Most exciting of all is the construction of a new cycle entrance and a lockable cycle shelter for more than 100 bikes, with lockers for helmets and wet weather gear.

Questionnaires and surveys carried out as part of the bid indicated that while 76 per cent of pupils owned bikes, only four per cent rode them to school because there was nowhere they could be left safely.

Hopefully, more pupils will decide on the healthy option of riding to school, rather than relying on the bus or mum and dad to drive them.

This will also help relieve the congestion around the school at the beginning and end of the day.

More than 100 pupils have already signed up to bring their bikes and there is regularly a queue waiting for the shelter to be unlocked, even on wet mornings!

A double triumph for Barry Wanderers

MONKSWOOD v BARRY WANDERERS

On Saturday, May 9, the Wanderers faced Monkswood in their second league game of the 2009 season.

After losing the toss and being put in to bat, Wanderers skipper Jamie Keir, along with Ed Sherriff, made a watchful start to the innings, putting on 38 for the first wicket off 11 overs.

However, Keir was soon bowled for 18 by Bleazard, and Sherriff quickly followed, controversially out lbw for 14.

The Wanderers' middle-order again faltered, and spin proved the undoing of the men from the Vale, with young spinner Watkins causing havoc and helping himself to 4-20 off his 10 overs.

Blundell, George and Tucker were all put under pressure by the young man, and eventually succumbed to his flight and guile, with Mark Ellis offering the only resistance for 17.

Wanderers were teetering on the edge, struggling on 78-6 after 30 overs. However, the lower-middle order and the tail rallied. James Hassett scored a bright and breezy 23 until over-confidence got the better of him and he was bowled.

When last-man Beckett strode out to the crease with six overs remaining, Wanderers were still only on 116-9. However, both he and Pathak showed great application and fighting spirit to first of all guide Wanderers to 125 to claim another batting point, but then push them on to 147-9 off the full allocation of 45.

Skipper Keir was confident his fiery Wanderers' attack would get the most out of a quick Monkswood wicket.

Hostile bowling from Beckett and controlled deliveries from Hassett, who bowled a nagging line outside off-stump, offered the openers little. He got his reward when he had Brock caught behind for 11.

Beckett removed the other opener Roberts, when Hassett took a great catch. The Hassett-Keir combination struck again when skipper Jones went without scoring, and Wanderers had their hosts struggling; Hassett proved good value by picking up 2 -13 off 7.

Blundell helped himself to a caught and bowled, just rewards for an excellent spell where he only went for 13 off 8.

After a rusty start, Evan Davies bowled some unplayable deliveries, his out-swingers causing the batsmen no end of trouble. They were gratefully snuffled up by George, Hassett and the 'keeper Keir, who would go on to claim five catches in the innings.

Despite resistance from Malson (27) and Trumper (16), Monkswood were all out for 114.

Davies finished up with 5-20 off 8.4 overs and the Wanderers 1st XI claimed their first victory on the bounce since 2007.

The Barry Wanderers Sofa Sofa man-of-the-match was Evan Davies.

BARRY WANDERERS v MOUNTAIN ASH

ON Saturday, May 16, Barry Wanderers played their third league fixture of the season, entertaining Mountain Ash at Hayes Point.

Despite the surrounding area suffering torrential downpours,the wicket was surprisingly hard and dry.

It offered a bit of life to the opening attack of Hassett and Beckett. Despite this, some slightly uncharacteristic waywardness from the pacemen allowed Mountain Ash to score at an initial good rate.

However, as the runs flowed, wickets started to fall, with Beckett making the initial breakthrough in his third over. This proved the problem for the visitors; they just were not able to build partnerships, particularly once the change-bowlers came on with the score at 36-2 off 11.

Evan Davies picked up from where he had left off the previous week, claiming 2-19 off seven overs before injury forced him off.

The star performer with the ball for the Wanderers was Neil Blundell, who put the breaks on Mountain Ash's innings by bowling straight through his 10 overs and claiming 4-29.

Once Blundell had finished his spell and Hughes had claimed his first Wanderers wicket, Mountain Ash found themselves 114-9 off 34 overs. Beckett and Hassett then returned, thundering in, desperate to claim the final wicket and claim maximum bowling points.

They threw all they had at the No 10 and 11, but Davies (13*) and skipper Williams (35*) held out and guided their side beautifully to 153-9 off 45 overs, a useful score on a tricky pitch.

All pressure was on Ed Sherriff and the returning Gareth Lanagan, as they went out to chase down this potentially testing target. However, they made light work of the difficult conditions (the heavens opened briefly at the start of the innings before the sun broke through for the remainder of the afternoon), and they smashed their way to an opening stand of 147.

Both men played some sumptuous strokes and the Mountain Ash bowlers had no answer as firstly Lanagan then Sherriff, both helped themselves to 50s. Lanagan was disappointed that he was unable to see it through to the end when he departed for 60, bowled by Williams.

However, Sherriff and Hughes got Wanderers to their target with nine wickets remaining in the 24th over, ensuring their team maintained their highly impressive start to the season, claiming their third win in as many games.

Wanderers next travel to Lisvane this Saturday, bidding to maintain their 100 per cent winning start to the season.

The Sofa Sofa Barry Wanderers man-of-the-match was Ed Sherriff for his cultured 75 not out.

BARRY 'MINIS' COMPETE IN ABERGAVENNY TOURNAMENT

ABOVE: The minis pose for their team photo.

OVER the Bank Holiday weekend, Barry RFC under-7s and under-8s attended the Abergavenny rugby tournament at the Usk Showground.

The coaches mixed the under-7s and under-8s to put out two teams. Everyone who came had an excellent time and some even got to meet Ryan Jones and Ian Gough on the Saturday.

Team coaches Jeff and Grantley, and team manager Nikki, would like to say how proud they were of all the players for their fantastic effort during their matches.

Some were playing their first-ever match.

Every player gave 100 per cent and we witnessed some fantastic tries throughout the day.

The group has grown beyond recognition this season with more than 40 registered players and the club is also proud to have introduced a rugby crèche for the under-6s.

As the season draws to a close, we are all looking forward to presentation day on May 16, where Ben Blair from the Cardiff Blues will be presenting the children with their medals and trophies.

Anyone interested in playing tag rugby is welcome to come along on a Sunday morning at the Reservoir Fields, Barry under-7s, 10am-11am; under-8s, 11am-12 noon. Ask for team manager Nikki.

Barry squad: Brody, Charlotte, Sam, Louis H, Mason, Daley, Lewis, Michael, Morgan, Max, Louis O, Dylan, Rhys, Joseph, Joel, Dafydd, Harry, Iestyn, Dylan W, Jack, Isaac, Ieuan, Tristan, Jake, Cian, Rhys, Morgan E, Cian D, Joshua, Sion, Adam, Louis D, Daniel J, Daniel P, Declan, Connor, Jay,Kyle, Megan, Brandon, Joseph, Cian C.

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NEWS FROM RHOOSE LIFEGUARDS

Victory for Rhoose team in the annual ski race

Welsh Team news

RHOOSE Lifeguards would like to congratulate James Grandfield and Lana Evans on being selected for the Welsh team competing in the Commonwealth Championships, due to be held in Edmonton, Canada in May.

Ski Race news

ON Sunday, May 10, Rhoose Lifeguards held their annual ski race, which was also round one of the Great British Ocean Ski Series.

Over 60 paddlers from all over the United Kingdom entered the event. The race consisted of various distance ocean courses. Rhoose Lifeguards were overall team winners and the Rhoose Lifeguard member results are as follows:

Under-16 boys – 2nd, Charlie Grandfield, 3rd, Alex Varney, 4th, Luke Giddings, 5th, Chad Bremner, 6th, Rhys Perry, 9th, Tom Parker, 10th, Sean Giddings.

Under-16 girls – 3rd, Storm Morham, 4th, Anthea Young, 5th, Danielle Edgerton, 7th, Teg Young, 8th, Hannah James, 9th, Abbie Phipps, 10th, Dominique Declaire, 11th, Skye Morham.

Under-19 boys – 1st, Simon Perry, 5th, Perry Sugden.

Under-19 girls – 1st, Eloise Neighbour; Senior men – 7th, James Grandfield; Senior women – 2nd, Kathryn Worth; Men's Masters – 8th, Simon Parker; Women's Masters – 1st, Karen O'Donaghue Harris; Double Skis – 4th, Chris Braggins/Paul Gardner, 5th, Dave Cooper/Steve Edgerton.

Overall aggregate team points – Rhoose 56; Woolacombe 32; Saunton Sands 21; Portreath 17; Shoreham 6; Penybont 6; Teignmouth 5; Dawlish Warren 5; Llantwit Major 5; Exeter 4; Jackson's Bay 3; Branksome 3.

Rhoose Lifeguards would like to thank all those that took part in the competition, club members for helping out, SLSA Wales for providing IRB cover and to the many friends and supporters that donated raffle prizes.

Finally, the club would like to wish club member Nancy Roberts-Smith a speedy recovery following an accident at Fontygary Bay during the competition.

This is a very unfortunate, but timely, reminder to all of us of the real dangers from rock falls at Fontygary and other places along our coast.

Get well soon Nancy and we look forward to seeing you back in training.

SE

Romilly 'A' bowlers scrape home by a single point!

BARRY Romilly Bowls Club 'A' side travelled to Cadoxton Bowling Club on Saturday to compete in the SVLA trophy.

Although the green looked good, it turned out to be heavy and a close match transpired.

Alf Woodcock's rink of A. Bumford, G Worrall and K Westgate had a splendid match and led from start to finish scoring two fives on the way to a 24-13 win.

Bryn Gough's rink of A Jones, J Jones and M Gershenson also had a fine result and led from start to finish which included a five on the way to a 20-15 win.

Bob Wyatt's rink of D Knight, J Coles and C Davies played against Cadoxton skip Alan Carpenter's three-man team and needed to fight hard to win the rink 16-15, thanks to Romilly's new member Jeff Coles whose final wood draw on the last end proved to be the winning shot.

Vince McFarland's rink of P Hoad, G Eastment and B Cheal were overwhelmed from the start of this game and suffered a heavy defeat 11-27.

However, the 'A' side captain Brian Cheal was more than grateful to win the aggregate 71-70.

RH

Students enjoy successful examination in Tae Kwon Do

OVER the weekend of April 17, nine members of the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do successfully completed a gruelling six-hour examination to achieve the coveted 1st degree black belt.

The examination board consisted of Master Ronald Thomas (Wales), Master J Teeuwissen (Holland), master Jenny Treasure (Belgium), and Master Alyson Williams (England). There was a total of 12 students sitting the examination.

The examination started at 10am on Saturday morning, and first up were the students sitting their 1st degree, followed by two students testing for their 2nd and 3rd degrees.

The examination consisted of all the elements of Tae Kwon Do.

The examination board were happy with the standard achieved by all, and gave a special mention to Chelsea Rees, who achieved her 3rd degree.

A celebration buffet and disco was held at the Barry football club, where certificates and new black belts were presented to all the successful students.

RON THOMAS

ABOVE:
Students at Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do successfully passed their examinations held on April 17.

LATEST NEWS FROM PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Deleted your deleted items? Kevin is on hand to assist!

THERE is nothing like a challenge, and Kevin was asked to talk about three topics.

The challenge was that although he could happily deliver a complete talk about each one, he needed to condense them down to a single evening. To the satisfaction of the Penarth Computer Club members, he managed to compromise and to cover his brief by the simple expedient of doubling the length of his 'chat', and throwing in an extra bit about using a virtual PC.

His ability to present his topics with clarity, and to just the right depth of information, means that he maintains interest the whole time.

Part 1 of this report notes the virtual PC and deals with un-deleting files; Part 2 (next week) will report on System Restore and Finding Files.

Kevin asked about operating systems: who used Windows XP and who used Windows Vista? Oddly enough, a show of hands revealed that those using the same system were sitting on the same side of the room (with a small preference for XP).

No problem for Kevin, who promptly demonstrated how to run Vista and open a virtual computer running XP within it. It puts quite a load onto the computer's processor, but enabled the variations between the two systems to be shown where appropriate. (There is a useful article on creating your own virtual PCs at http://www.rawcomputing.co.uk/virtualpc.html).

Members were then told how to undelete files. To set the scene, Kevin explained a little of what goes on when files are deleted.

In the first instance, they are sent to the Recycling Bin. At this stage, they have not been deleted at all, but simply noted for deletion when the Recycling Bin is emptied and they can be easily restored.

Windows simply makes the filename readable again in the folder where the file is stored. (If you are confident that you will not need to restore the file you can by-pass the recycling bin by depressing the Shift key as you delete the file. It is equivalent to deleting it from the Recycling Bin).

When the files are deleted from the bin, the file itself is still not actually deleted. What happens is that the index (File Allocation Table) on the disk is altered, and the space where the file is stored is made available to be written on. (Rather like removing the label from a video tape. The tape is now available to record another programme, but the original recording is still there until something overwrites it.)

Just as you could watch the video until it has been overwritten, so it is possible to recover the file until it has been overwritten. Some software will be needed to find it and read it. The longer the space is left available to be written on, the more likely it is to happen and once it happens, the original file cannot be retrieved.

At this point it is worth noting that if you delete everything from your hard drive when you dispose of a computer, there may be files that could nevertheless still be recovered. To avoid personal information being recovered and misused, you would be safer to use a programme that will deliberately overwrite the disc with garbage – perhaps more than once to be sure.

You could keep the disk and use it as extra storage capacity, or remove it and attack it with a sledgehammer to make it physically impossible to read. A bit extreme perhaps, but possibly therapeutic!

To recover accidentally deleted files, stop working on the computer immediately and run your recovery programme as soon as possible. The operating system is constantly reading and writing to the disk so the sooner the better.

To be able to run the recovery programme straight away, it makes sense to have it on the computer already, otherwise loading the programme could overwrite the very file you are trying to recover!

Kevin suggests a free programme, Recuva, from www.recuva.com. You don't want to be learning when you have an emergency on your hands, so he suggests loading it and exploring it to familiarise yourself with the way it operates.

In demonstration, the downloading and installing took just a couple of minutes and some files were deleted and recovered on the spot.

The programme looks for all deleted programmes in the areas designated and lists and categorises them as recoverable or not. Note that the first character of the filename has been deleted and replaced by an underscore. ("abcd.xyz would become "_bcd.xyz".) It is up to you to change it back after the file has been recovered.

The recovered file needs to be written to another drive (internal, external or USB). This is because you would not want a recovered file to overwrite the area that contains the next file you want to recover! Once you have recovered them, the files can be moved around as you please, of course.

There is a greater chance of recovering small files as they are less likely to be overwritten. You cannot normally recover files from a folder if the folder has been removed.

Penarth Computer Club next meets on Tuesday, May 26 at 7.30pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. Peter will be using plain English to talk about the cutting edge of mobile phone technology and what's on the way. Visitors and new members are welcome.

For more information, ring Howard on 029 2070 8439.

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Do you have a bear that would dare?

ST CADOC'S church (Old village), Cadoxton, is once again holding a sponsored Teddy Bear parachute jump on Sunday, May 24, at 2pm.

Each participating bear will undergo a medical in the state of the art first aid tent prior to their jump to ensure they are fit to fly, and on safe landing will be awarded a well deserved certificate of bravery. All parachutes are provided.

There will be a prize for the best dressed child's and adult's bear.

The event will also include a prize draw raffle, and barbecue.

Sponsor forms are now available from St Cadoc's (Old Village) church, Cadoxton, or telephone 749689.

The parishioners of St Cadoc's and St Mary's churches take part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas child shoebox appeal, and last year were able to send 500 gift filled shoeboxes to needy children in Eastern Europe.

As we need to cover transportation charges for this year's appeal, we hope to raise as much money as possible, to enable us to reach even more children this Christmas.

All proceeds from this event are in aid of the Operation Christmas child shoebox appeal.

It's a double gold for the pupils of St Richard Gwyn!

JAMIE SEXTON, year-11 pupil at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, put last year's disappointing season behind him by claiming gold in the Cardiff and Vale Schools track and field championships for pupils in years 10 and 11.

Jamie captured gold ahead of rivals Jamaul Wyte of St Teilo's and Steffan Jones of Bro Morgannwg. After his success, Jamie competed in the regional championships on May 9 where he took another gold.

These achievements are a most promising start to his outdoor season, after being recently crowned Welsh indoor 60 metre champion. Jamie's goal now is the UK School Games in September.

In the meantime, he must focus on his GCSEs, closely followed by the Welsh under-17 and under-20 championships.

More success, but this time on the ski slopes, went to St Richard Gwyn year-11 pupil Ciaran O'Beirne, who achieved a consecutive gold in the unregistered Junior 1 (under-18) category in the Central South Wales Schools Championships.

Ciaran also added a silver medal to his gold in the overall unregistered secondary boys skiers in this regional competition.

Ciaran is also currently sitting his GCSEs at St Richard Gwyn and did a fantastic job achieving these results in the championships while studying

ABOVE: Ciaran O'Beirne

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Two new championship bests were set – both by Vale girls.

Llantwit year-12 Ayla Phillips has an unblemished record at Cardiff and the Vale Schools track and field championships. Her link with the hammer event started way back as a year-9 pupil in 2006. She won that first junior girls' competition, and set a new championship best.

She repeated that pattern of a win with a new championship best through year-10 (first middle title) and last year, in year-11 (a second middle title). Each year, the winning distance has improved and 2009 was no exception.

As a first year senior, and competing at Cardiff International Sports Stadium in a hammer competition for the first time, Phillips claimed her fourth consecutive title with a throw of 35.11 metres, adding over three metres to the previous best of 31.63 metres set by Ceri Lewis (Radyr) in 2006.

Pleasing though that performance is, and the shot victory, which she also claimed, Phillips needs to keep working towards a target distance of 40 metres for the season.

Unusually, a second Vale pupil has a very similar record to Phillips. Penarth resident Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg) was claiming her fourth consecutive title in possibly a more demanding and dangerous record – the pole vault.

Lewis also won her first title in 2006, but her 2.80 metres clearance was not a new championship best. However, she made up for that in 2007, when her 3 metres vault was a new event best.

A second middle title followed last year with a 2.90 metres vault, and this year, claimed a first senior win with a new height of 3.30 metres. For good measure, the Bro Morgannwg year-12 student also won the triple jump with a very respectable leap of 10.30 metres.

Two more Vale girls claimed double victories. Barry resident Sian Balchin (Kings Monkton) was the top thrower in both the discus and javelin events, while the multi-talented Maddi Edgeworth (Cowbridge) claimed a sprint hurdles and 800 metres double.

In the boys' competition, Curtis Matthews (Barry Comprehensive) was the athlete who caught the eye, repeating his Senior Cup Final feat of three victories in the high jump, long jump and discus, with improved performances.

The Welsh Schools' international has huge potential and is making real progress under the guidance of top combined events coach Mike Guest.

Stanwell year-13 Adam Jones earned a sprint double but he was the victim of a stadium, which seems, sadly, to have inherited the old Leckwith's biggest complaint of suffering from regular, unhelpful headwinds. He will be disappointed by his times, but this is early season and hopefully conditions will improve.

After Bro Morgannwg's double success at the Senior Cup Final, it was Cowbridge who enjoyed double team success at these championships.

Mike Lloyd (Cowbridge) won the 100 metres hurdles, and finished second in the high jump.

Last year, the Vale school won the boys' team title with a score of 340 points, with Whitchurch heading the girls' section. This year, the team took both sections with scores of 354 and 301, which puts them out in front in the quest for the Overall Championships Points Trophy.

Following these championships, Cardiff and the Vale will select a senior team to compete at the Aviva Welsh Schools' national track and field championships at the new Cardiff stadium on Saturday, July 4.

The district is entitled to enter two athletes in every senior event, with the option of further athletes in some events if all those nominated have achieved the additional entry standard.

All the winners at these championships are asked to make a note of Tuesday, September 8, which is the date of the Cardiff and Vale Schools Track and Field presentation evening, which will be held at Cardiff High School.

Results of Vale athletes: Senior Boys – 100: 1 Adam Jones (Stanwell) 12.0; 5 Fred White (Cowbridge) 12.3; 6 Jack Fisher (Cowbridge) 13.9; 200: 1 Adam Jones (Stanwell) 23.6; 3 Tom Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro M) 24.7; 5 Dan Jones (Cowbridge) 25.6; 6 Matt Rowlands (Cowbridge) 26.5; 400: 2 Fred White (Cowbridge) 54.5; 6 Tom Harrison (Cowbridge) 59.4; 800: 4 Tom Larkin (Cowbridge) 2:25.8; 1,500: 2 Joe Beech (Cowbridge) 4:45.4; 5 Kyle Garrison (Llantwit) 6:38.6; 3,000: 2 Tom Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro M) 10:18.4; 3 Steffan Kitchen (Cowbridge) 13:27.1; 110H: 1 Mike Lloyd (Cowbridge) 20.4; 400H: 3 Tom Williams (Bro M) 64.6; 4 Mike Lloyd (Cowbridge) 68.0; 5 Nick Davies (Cowbridge) 73.5; 2,000Sc: 1 Tom Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro M) 6:53.9; 4x100: 2 Cowbridge 47.6; HJ: 1 Curtis Matthews (Barry) 1.78; 2 Mike Lloyd (Cowbridge) 1.75; 4 Tom Williams (Bro M) 1.65; 5 Matt Rowlands (Cowbridge) 1.60; LJ: 1 Curtis Matthews (Barry) 6.35; 4 Tom Williams (Bro M) 5.82; 6 Cory Chadwick (Cowbridge) 5.38; 7 Dan Jones (Cowbridge) 5.20; TJ: 3 Cory Chadwick (Cowbridge) 11.98; 4 Nick Davies (Cowbridge) 11.13; SP: 1 Matt Wilcox (Cowbridge) 10.18; 3 Jamie Jones (Barry) 10.10; 5 Fred White (Cowbridge) 9.25; DT: 1 Curtis Matthews (Barry) 33.64; 5 Nick Davies (Cowbridge) 23.59; 7 Steffan Kitchen (Cowbridge) 18.53; HT: 4 Matt Wilcox (Cowbridge) 17.28; 5 Tom Larkin (Cowbridge) 14.27; JT: 1 Steffan Kitchen (Cowbridge) 34.81; 4 Kyle Garrison (Llantwit) 28.30; 5 Tom Larkin (Cowbridge) 27.95. Team: 1 Cowbridge 354; 4 Bro Morgannwg 71; 5 Barry Comprehensive 65; 8 Stanwell 34; 10 Llantwit Major 25.

Senior Girls – 100: 2 Heather Jarvis (Cowbridge) 15.5; 200: 1 Heather Jarvis (Cowbridge) 33.9; 800: 1 Maddie Edgeworth (Cowbridge) 2:53.5; 1,500: 2 Lucy Williams (Cowbridge) 6:24.5; 3,000: 2 Elspeth Bisson (Cowbridge) 14:16.2; 3 Alexa Kerr (Cowbridge) 17:24.4; 100H: 1 Maddi Edgeworth (Cowbridge) 22.2; 400H: 1 Alice Thomas (Cowbridge) 91.6; 4x100: 1 Cowbridge 57.8; HJ: 1 Rebecca Hoddart (Cowbridge) 1.25; 2 Maddi Edgeworth (Cowbridge) 1.20; PV: 1 Elinor Lewis (Bro M) 3.30 CBP; LJ: 3 Alice Thomas (Cowbridge) 4.16; 4 Georgia Evans (Cowbridge) 3.54; TJ: 1 Elinor Lewis (Bro M) 10.30; 2 Heather Jarvis (Cowbridge) 8.67; SP: 1 Ayla Phillips (Llantwit) 9.79; 2 Sian Balchin (Kings M) 9.11; 3 Katie Jarvis (Cowbridge) 6.70; 4 Rebecca Hoddart (Cowbridge) 5.66; DT: 1 Sian Balchin (Kings M) 22.20; 2 Jade Foley (Cowbridge) 17.12; 3 Gemma Bradbury (Cowbridge) 15.19 HT: 1 Ayla Phillips (Llantwit) 35.11 CBP; JT: 1 Sian Balchin (Kings M) 28.83; 2 Gemma Bradbury (Cowbridge) 21.41; 5 Jade Foley (Cowbridge) 15.71. Team: 1 Cowbridge 301; 3 Kings Monkton 49; 4= Bro Morgannwg 34; 4= Llantwit Major 34.

PM

Tom Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro Morgannwg) won the 2,000 metres steeplechase.

Curtis Matthews (Barry Comprehensive) in high jump action. He also won the long jump and discus.

ABOVE: Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg) set a new senior pole value best, and won the triple jump.

Heather Jarvis (Cowbridge) on her way to victory in the 200 metres.

GEM columnist Brian congratulates Princess Anne on royal win!

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

GEM columnist Brian Lee had an exclusive interview with Princess Anne after her horse *Dhu Loch*, trained by her daughter Zara Phillips, and partnered by Tom David (18), of Llanharry, had won the first division of the open maiden race at the Golden Valley Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Bredwardine on Saturday.

Brian (72), who has been reporting on the Welsh horse racing scene for more than 40 years provided us with this report:

There were several national and local reporters at the meeting but none of them went to speak to her after the race."

She was in the paddock with her daughter and Tom, who had just dismounted, and I said to her: "Well done, Ma'm".

Looking towards Zara and Tom she answered: "Not me! Those two did all the work."

The last time Dhu Loch had raced, the mare had been placed second at the Ystrad Taf Fechan meeting at Ystradowen on April 18, and the Princess had made a surprise visit to Wales on that occasion .

I said to her: "As a Welshman, and a member of the Welsh press, I had wanted this to happen in Wales."

She replied: "It was a more determined effort this time."

I told her: "Tom is one of our up and coming young Welsh riders."

With that she gave me a friendly tap on the shoulder and said: "You find lots of the good riders are Welsh jockeys."

I said: "Thank you very much." She laughed and I took my leave.

Dhu Loch, who went off the 5-2 favourite in a field of 13 starters, was given a cracking ride by Tom, who had the mare in a handy position throughout and, taking the lead four fences from the finish, went on to win by six lengths from Jolly Rock.

This week, Tom joins Aberthin National Hunt trainer Tim Vaughan as the stable's amateur jockey.

He said: "The Princess and Zara Phillips were delighted with Dhu Loch's success."

Dhu Loch was the second leg of a first-ever double for Tom who, earlier in the day, had won a division of the restricted race on 16-1 chance Wizard Time who is owned jointly by Porthcawl's William Corrigan and William J Tudor.

Wizard Time won by a short head from L'Homme Sauvage and is trained by Mr Tudor's son Jonathan.

Cottrell Park GC's Helen wins Miss Button trophy

A TOTAL of 42 ladies from Cottrell Park travelled to Chipping Sodbury for the captain's away day.

It was a flat but challenging golf course, with water on nearly every hole and if you managed to avoid the water, there were plenty of sand bunkers to catch you out!

The individual Stableford competition and the Miss Button Trophy was won by Helen Evans, one of the newer members of the ladies section. She scored a great 39 points, second was Alma Davies with 29.

Following drinks and a very good meal, Margaret Thomas, the ladies captain, presented the prizes.

She was in the winning team of Lyn Thomas, Norma Fryer and Margaret Thomas with 74 points.

Nearest the pin was won by Sandra Collin, who also won the longest drive for the low handicap section.

Helen Ruttley won the longest drive for the higher handicap section.

Sue Smith won the 12-hole putting competition with 21 putts.

A chipping competition was introduced this year; this was not easy but great fun, and was won by Toots Plant with two balls within the hoops.

Margaret Thomas was thanked for her excellent organisation of the day, and Jenny McGlyne for organising the competitions.

The ladies returned home tired but content after a very good day out.

CB

Helen Evans (Miss Button).

Toots Plant won the chipping competition.

ABOVE: The winning team of Lyn Thomas, Norma Fryer, and captain Margaret Thomas (centre).

THE LATEST NEWS FROM BRYNHILL GOLF CLUB

The ladies host a charity coffee morning for RNID

ON the morning of May 7, the ladies of Brynhill Golf Club hosted a charity coffee morning, the proceeds of which will go to lady captain's nominated charity. Jo Hopkins chose the Royal National Institute for the Deaf.

Following a most enjoyable 12-hole competition, where the weather was pleasant and the course was in great condition, the ladies met back in the clubhouse for refreshments.

A stall selling homemade cakes and a sale of this season's latest golf wear proved hard to resist for many.

The lady captain then presented home and away winners and runners-up with vouchers.

Away winner – Helen Minto (Whitchurch) with 21 points over the back nine (from Ann Morris of Maesteg).

Home winner – Diane Davies with 26 points; runner-up – Glynis Gould with 21.

Carole Bumford was the only player to score a two and was delighted to accept the entire ball sweep, which she graciously shared with her playing partners.

Joan Coombes and Val Weir distributing the cards.

ABOVE: Carole Bumford, the ball sweep winner, with the lady captain.

Recent results round-up

March 17 – Turkey Trot – winner Julie Harkin with 37 points.

March 24 – John Collins Cup and GUW Medal – winner: Julie Harkin (77 nett), runner-up: Diane Davies (80 nett).

March 31 – Lady Reardon Smith Silver Salver – winners: Diane Tapscott and Nicci Meheut, runners-up: Rose Pitman and Audrey Phillips.

April 7 – Easter Egg competition – winner: Sue Holland (36 points), runner-up: Lynne Bubbins (35 points).

April 14 – John Lowden Cup and Foundation Brooch – winner: Gemma Evans (67 nett), runner-up: Maria Gentile (76 nett).

April 21 – GUW Challenge Bowl – silver winner: Lynne Bubbins (75 nett); bronze winner: Diane Bryant (74 nett).

May 5 – Winifred Clode Cup – winner: Carole Bumford (37 points), runner-up: Rose Pitman (36 points). **JP**

ABOVE: Helen Minto, the away winner, with the lady captain, Jo Hopkins.

ABOVE: The lady captain with home winner Diane Davies.

Murch Bowling Club's season begins with a glorious open day

THE best weather for several years saw the Murch Bowling Club celebrate opening day in glorious sunshine with a mixed game of ladies and men.

President Gwladys Hayes and vice-president Bill Frampton welcomed members and declared the green open.

The traditional opening 'Spider' (nearest wood to a bottle of whisky in the centre of the green) was won by Jackie Warman, who playfully resisted attempts from members to open her prize.

The winning mixed rink was skipped by president Gwladys, ably assisted by Bill Frampton, Maurice Warman and Myra Rice.

At the splendid post match buffet, provided by members, club captain Gus Santavy presented plaques to the winning rink.

Opening day festivities behind them, the ladies started their bowls programme with a 'friendly' encounter against Barry Athletic, narrowly losing by three shots, 43-46.

Gloria Perry and Cynthia Tranter skipped their rinks to 17-12 and 17-14 wins respectively, but skip Belinda Price's quartet went down 9-20.

This game was followed by an afternoon Glamorgan League game against the ladies from Windsor Penarth, which resulted in a 55-44 win for the Murch ladies, with Gloria Perry and Judy Fudge skipping their rinks to 19-13 and 23-13 wins, while Cynthia Tranter's 'four' succumbed 13-18.

Further successes were registered against Pontyclun (friendly) 78-65, Rumney Gardens (Evening League) 40-23 and Penylan (Afternoon League) 45-41.

The Murch men began their programme with three friendly games, winning against St Joseph's, drawing against Cardiff Masonics and losing against Barry Romilly.

However, no wins were recorded in the first three cup and league games.

In an Alliance game, Murch went down 38-48 against Barry Plastics, Cadoxton were victorious 99-52 in a South Vale A team competition, while Barry Romilly succeeded by 75-50 in a Munro Cup game.

ABOVE: President Gwladys Hayes with vice-president Bill Frampton at the opening day at the Murch Bowling Club.

James Tudor notches 150th between-the-flags triumph

by BRIAN LEE

COWBRIDGE'S James Tudor chalked-up his 150th win between-the-flags when winning the 2m 5f maiden race at the recent Vale of Aylesbury Point-To-Point Steeplechases.

He was on the Alan Hill-trained *Sir Ronan*, who won by 10 lengths from *Mirage Prince*.

Tudor (26), rode his first winner, *Mecca Prince*, at a West Wales meeting in 2000 and only three other Welshmen have ridden more. He has also ridden around 20 winners under rules, and he later took the intermediate on *More Trouble*.

Of the three Welsh riders who have ridden more winners, two of them are from the Vale.

They are the legendary John Llewellyn, who rode a total of 270 winners, and Evan Williams, who notched-up 198 winners before hanging-up his riding boots.

Carmarthen's Dai Jones bagged his 200th winner earlier this season.

All three of the Vale's riders have won the national riders' championship title. Llewellyn won it 1983, Williams in 2002 and Tudor in the 2006/07 season.

At the mid-week Weston & Banwell meeting at Cothelstone, Rhys Hughes, assistant trainer to Aberthin trainer Tim Vaughan, landed the men's open race on Steve Whistance's *Overlut,* who was winning for the fifth time this season.

The French-bred *Overlut*, who went off the 13-8 favourite, scored by 15 lengths from *Tyneham* who, like the winner, was bidding for a three-timer.

The Llangeinor mare *Lady Myfanwy* brought her season's tally of wins to six when coming home five lengths ahead of *The Bandit* in the ladies' open race.

This game mare has an outside chance of equalling the 10 wins of another Llangeinor-qualified mare *Chesnut Annie*, who heads the list of leading point-to-pointers in the country.

Ogmore's Nick Williams, riding Mrs B F Bowditch's *Lockerley Man*, won a division of the open maiden, getting home by a neck from *Mayfair Tambourine* and James Stephens was successful in the restricted on *Berkeley Court*, who won by a length and a half from *Ewar Finch*.

The South Wales point-to-point season is drawing to a close and enthusiasts have just the Gelligaer Farmers' fixture at Lower Machen on Saturday, May 23, and the Countryside Alliance Club meeting (Wales) at Bonvilston on Bank Holiday Monday, May 25. Both meetings have a 2pm start.

The open race at the Gelligaer will be a mixed open, but the Countryside Alliance meeting will stage a men's open and a ladies' open race.

Ten shots in three ends see Athletic home

ATROCIOUS conditions greeted Barry Athletic's first team in their opening WBA Carruthers Shield qualifier at Bridgend Municipal on Saturday.

Persistent rain and a bitterly cold wind made it a difficult afternoon for both teams, but the Athletic coped reasonably well and scraped home by six shots, winning 71-65.

Two Athletic rinks went down narrowly, while Glyn Thomas' rink managed a 14-14 tie.

Dean Rees' rink provided the match winning touch in real style and ran out victors by 23-11 to ensure an overall victory.

Dean's squad ended with a tremendous flourish - rattling up 10 valuable shots in the closing three ends. Garry Gane, Mike Vaughan and Geoff Whittaker were the supporting cast in Dean's line-up.

The Athletic senior squad, captained this season by DK Williams, have displayed encouraging form in all their early games and must now maintain their winning sequence when continuing their WBA programme this weekend, with a home game against Maesteg Welfare.

Barry Athletic's second string raised the curtain on the PG2 front with a 10-4 win against Penarth Rectory Road at Barry Island – a good start for new captain Eric Booker.

Ivor Stevenson skipped his rink to a runaway 34-10 triumph that clinched the match.

Scores: Barry Athletic at Bridgend Municipal: J Horgan, J Beanland, G Humphreys, R Horgan 16, H Jenkins, T Jones, M Jones, D Stephens 20. D Evans, JR Evans, DK Williams, G Thomas 14, D Job, N Walker, B Goddard, A Hunter 14. G Gane, M Vaughan, G Whittaker, D Rees 23, M Darra, A Davies, E Murphy, K Adams 11. D Snelling, M Eskins, JP Donovan, C Blake 18, P Anderson, G Caldwell, S Rees, D Vincent 20.

CLIVE PHILLIPS

Cowbridge squash club ends the season on a high

THE squash season in Cowbridge ended with a presentation night in the rugby club with an excellent attendance.

Club chairman Clive Prigg presented the prizes and commented on what was the club's most successful season since its inauguration 35 years ago.

Promotion for the men's A team and men's B team, and the winning of the South Glamorgan Cup, were the highlights of the team performances.

The men's championship was retained by Nick Guard, who beat Jon Bisson in the final.

Nick has also been selected to represent his country in the men's masters tournament.

Niall Sloan has just been awarded his level one coaching badge and, with Julie Clode, who is a level two coach, heads up the rapidly expanding junior section, which has been granted a silver award for coaching from Squash Wales!

So we look forward to an even more successful season starting in September, when the men's A team will battle it out with the 'big boys' in the south Wales leagues and the A team take on the best in south Glamorgan.

Junior coaching continues throughout the summer, any enquiries for junior or senior membership, contact Clive Prigg on 01446 773729.

BARRY FUN RUN WILL HELP FAMILIES FROM ACROSS WALES

REGISTRATIONS are already pouring in for the first ever Ty Hafan Barry Island Fun Run, and the family hospice for young lives is encouraging would-be participants to get their entry forms in early, so as not to be disappointed, as places are limited to 500.

The event, which takes place on May 31 and has replaced the annual Barry Waterfront 5K Run, has now been made more family-friendly by taking it off road and shortening the distance to 3.5K, which can be run or walked according to age and ability.

"Making it a family event has opened it up to a much wider age group and the day promises to be a lot of fun," said event organiser Alan Drury.

The funds raised through taking part in the run will enable Ty Hafan to continue offering its services to life-limited children, young people and their families, from across Wales, although many come from the local area.

Families like the O'Neils, whose 11-year-old son James has been spending time at Ty Hafan for the past eight years.

James has cerebral palsy and is one of four siblings aged between five and 13-years-old. His eldest brother has the condition ADHD (attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder).

"Knowing that James can go to Ty Hafan is nothing short of a life-line for me," said mum Michelle.

"When he is there I know he is receiving the very best of care and it means that I can give more attention to the other boys."

One of the first groups to register were Eagles Kick Boxing Club from Barry, who have a team of around 20 runners taking part, and they are hoping that other groups and families will take up the fun-filled challenge too.

You can get involved today by contacting Alan Drury on 029 2067 2067 or visit www.tyhafan.org/events.

All entrants will receive a free goodie bag and race souvenir when they cross the finish line, and individuals raising £30 or more in sponsorship will also receive a free commemorative t-shirt.

Entry is £7 for adults, £3.50 for children (under-16 years old) or just £17.50 for a family of four (two adults and two children).

VALE ROAD WORKS REPORT

Dock View Road at its junction with Thompson Street, Barry – ongoing temporary traffic signals, to allow construction work on the adjacent footbridge over the railway line.

Town Mill Road, Cowbridge – daytime temporary traffic signals to allow Western Power Distribution to install a new cable, May 26-29 (half term week).

Ty Hafan Run, Barry Island, Sunday, May 31: Station Approach road (between Breaksea Drive and Friars Road), Friars Road (between Station Approach and Paget Road) and Paget Road (between the unnamed road that leads to the sports ground and its cul-de-sac end) will be closed to vehicles between 7.30am-1pm to allow the event to take place.

Victorian Fayre, Saturday, June 20 – various roads in Llantwit Major town centre will be closed between 8am-6pm.

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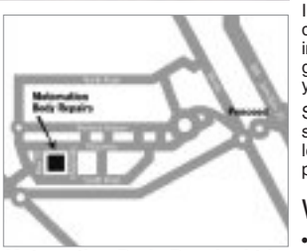

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175/70R14	Avon CR322	£44.98	£85	£160
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185/65R14	Avon ZV3	£50.23	£95	£185
195/60R15	Avon ZV3	£53.65	£105	£200
195/65R15	Avon ZV3	£51.73	£100	£190
185/60R14	Nova	£32.10	£62	£120
185/65R14	Nova	£32.43	£63	£120
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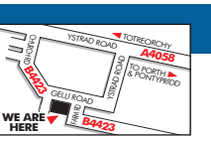

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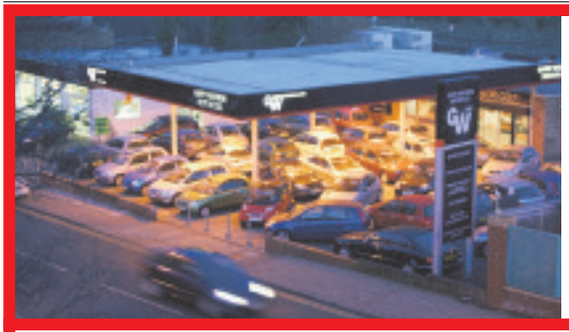

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GEM sport

Brynhill junior golfers prove they have got plenty of talent!

THE Brynhill Golf Club Junior team played Bargoed GC on May 9 and scored a very convincing win.

Results: Mike Lee and Mike Harkin won 4 and 3 (giving six shots); Scott Palmer and Liam Payne won 2 and 1 (giving six shots); Sam Preston and Aeron Smith won 2 up (giving two shots); Tom Wilcox and Terry Andreou won 5 and 4 (off scratch).

ABOVE: Brynhill's junior team scored a convincing win.

Barry gymnasts prove they are rising stars

FIVE youngsters from the Barry YMCA Gymnastics Club recently took part in the Welsh National Development Plan (NDP) Competition, held in Swansea.

The NDP aims to establish basic gymnastics skills for children with a potential talent for gymnastics, and builds in difficulty at each phase.

It was the first time that Christopher Webber, Declan Brookes, Ieuan Murray, Jack Everset and Llewellyn Brown had competed at a Welsh national event. The boys are part of the feeder group at the Barry YMCA, where they train three days each week as they prepare to progress into the advanced group.

Declan Brookes and Christopher Webber (age eight) competed in the Level 1 in age competition and finished fourth and fifth respectively. This was fantastic in their first competition.

There was even greater success for Ieuan, Jack and Llewellyn (age nine) in the level one 'out of age' category. Ieuan placed third, Llewellyn second and Jack first.

A great thanks to coaches Emma Thompson and Matthew Woodroff, who dedicate so much coaching time to the group.

ABOVE: The youngsters from Barry YMCA Gymnastics Club.

ENTO RUN RIOT AS DINAS RUE THEIR ABSENTEES

by PETER KING

DINAS POWYS 0
ENTO ABERAMAN 8

THE largest crowd of the season assembled at the Murch to see if ENTO Aberaman could secure the win that would give them the Welsh League Division One title.

It was just a shame that due to the Dinas squad being ravaged by injuries, suspensions and lack of availability, they couldn't make an exciting finale to the season, and had to field several players who had little or no first team experience, and others who had not played for several weeks.

This is not to detract from ENTO's fine play; they took their chances well and all at Dinas Powys congratulate them on winning the title.

The Villagers battled hard in the first half and were certainly not overwhelmed.

They had chances to score, a Samir Misbah free kick coming the closest, just wide of the far post.

Dinas had Alex Skinner to thank for two superb diving saves from Geraint Passmore and Richard Ryan respectively.

It took ENTO until the 40th minute to get on the score sheet, when Chris Summers headed home a corner off the underside of the bar.

Just before the interval, Richard Ryan spun and hit a cross from Rob Blatchford that gave Skinner no chance to make it 2-0.

The Dinas resistance crumbled in the second half and ENTO added six more to the scoreline with a final tally of: Chris Summers four, Richard Ryan two, with Jon Phillips and Mattie Davies bagging one each.

Welsh league officials attended the match to present Aberaman with the Division One trophy.

Dinas must strengthen their squad considerably before next season in order to field a competitive squad right through the year.

Super Barry Wanderers de-rail Arriva Trains

Report by ANDREW FENTON

WITH two consecutive Sunday wins, Barry Wanderers were looking to make it three against Arriva Trains Wales.

On a warm sunny afternoon at Hayes Point, the visiting captain won the toss and elected to bowl.

Wanderers hoped to take advantage of what appeared to be a good track, and opening the batting were Darryl Griffiths and Janie Keir.

A solid start was needed and the pair didn't disappoint, putting on 54 for the first wicket.

Griffiths was the first to go, being bowled by G Williams for a fluent 31.

Keir continued his good form at the other end with Steve Norman already back in the hutch.

However, Keir was next to go, given out lbw for a solid 34.

This left the Wanderers on 80-3, which soon became 104-5 with the loss of Phil Wolfenden and skipper James Hassett to the bowling of A Bagwell, who finished with figures of 4-0-29-4.

With the Wanderers now in a bit of trouble, Tom Ridgewell joined Mark Ellis and got stuck into the bowling, hitting some lusty blows.

Having put on 75 together, and with Ellis looking good for a 50, he hit a drive straight to cover and was caught for 39.

Ridgewell continued to score runs but was dismissed for an impressive 44 by Chris Lane.

The Wanderers closed their innings on 203-9.

With Arriva needing a good start, Hassett opened the bowling hoping to get an early break through, which he achieved, bowling G Williams for a duck.

Rob Sandford continued to apply the pressure from the other end, bowling an excellent spell and picking up the important wicket of Holton for 17.

With the off spin of Keir already on at the hospital end, young James Griffiths came on at the other end.

Both initially struggled to find their length but recovered to bowl tidy spells, picking up a wicket each.

With Arriva on 115-5, Keir was replaced by Ellis who took less than three overs to end the Arriva innings, finishing with figures of 2.5-0-4-4 and bowling Arriva out for 131.

It was another spirited effort by the Sunday XI, who will now strive towards a fourth consecutive win next week against Dinas Powys.

The Spectrum Displays man of the match was Mark Ellis for his impressive 39 runs and four wickets.

Barry Wanderers 203-9: T Ridgewell 44, M Ellis 39, J Keir 34, D Griffiths 31. A,Bagwell 4-29

Arriva Trains Wales: 131 all out: C.Lane 34, M.Ellis 4-4.

Cadoxton lady bowlers in Vale match victory

THE evening league match against BP at Cadoxton was due to take place on May 13, but this was postponed due to the inclement weather, and the game has been rearranged for June 2.

Cadoxton vs Cowbridge in the afternoon league was played on May 14. We were hopeful of good weather but, as the game started, so did the drizzle, which never stopped all afternoon. Fortunately, we were able to complete the game, even though the green became heavier and heavier.

Rink one – Cadoxton: M Slee, A Jones, P Cox, D Davies 11, Cowbridge: D Purnell, K Edwards, P Mc Allen J Bradley 23.

Cadoxton started well, gaining nine shots in the first eight ends, but as the afternoon went on the team suffered with the heavy green.

Once the Cowbridge team started to score, they seized the advantage by placing long jacks.

Rink two – Cadoxton: P Bryant, J Pycroft, N Clissett, J Tuck 24, Cowbridge: L Wilson, B Slade, J. Springett, S Flower 11.

Cadoxton started with a grand five to open the afternoon and proceeded to dominate throughout the match.

Cowbridge did score four shots on ends three and four, but were unable to keep it up.

Rink three – Cadoxton: A Rees, P Davies, N Hitchen, M O'Callaghan 21, Cowbridge: M Thomas, P Holdsworth, S Wilkinson, M Jones 9.

The scores were even over the first six ends at six–all. A three on the seventh end helped Cadoxton to take the lead, and on the last three ends won the game.

Cadoxton 56
Cowbridge 43

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